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House reopens

The historic Adam Thoroughgood House in Virginia Beach is now open every day except Monday, year-round. The hours of operation are Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The last tour is given at 4:30 p.m. The admission fee is \$3.50 adults; \$3 senior citizens; \$2.50 students (13+) and \$2 children (6-12). This National Historic Landmark was built by a grandson of Adam Thoroughgood, the first English colonist to settle in what is now Virginia Beach. It houses an exquisite collection of 17th-century artifacts. This historic house is operated by the Department of Museums and Cultural Arts for the City of Virginia Beach, the same department that operates the 18th-century Francis Land House.

Call 431-4000 for information.

'Parties and Plays'

Begin Christmas week with an inspirational morning for the entire family. The youth of Grace Community Church, 1725 Salem Rd., will present "Parties and Plays, Dreams and Visions" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

This youth group has dedicated itself to be used by God in presenting this modern day Christmas play about teens that will demonstrate the true Christmas meaning to all in attendance. Call Fred Devan, pastor of Grace, 471-5148, for more information. The play is free.

Special honors

The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission will celebrate its sixth annual Human Rights Awards and Program Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Salem High School, 1993 Sun Devil Drive.

Awards will be presented by Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf. This program is free. A reception will immediately follow the awards program.

For more information contact Marsha Green, 427-8042.

Holiday sleepover

Drop the kids off for the night and get some holiday shopping done. Seateck Recreation Center will be hosting this Holiday Sleepover on Friday, Dec. 17 from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Youth aged 7 to 13 are welcome to participate. Dinner, snacks, games, swimming and a movie will be provided, plus a lot more. The cost is \$15 per child, in addition to a facility card or day pass.

For more information call, 437-3858.

Discovery Days

The Virginia Marine Science Museum continues to host the ever-popular Preschool Discovery Days series this fall. Created and designed for children ages 4 and 5, the series includes age-appropriate activities, arts and crafts and small group exploration of seasonal topics. The series is led by experienced and knowledgeable staff.

This winter's Preschool Discovery Days series includes:

■ Plentiful Plankton - Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Main Building. \$5 members and \$7 non-members.

■ Glowing: Jellies and Other Creatures - Tuesday, Dec. 21; 1 to 2:30 p.m., Main Building. \$5 members and \$7 non-members.

For more information call, 425-FISH (3474) or visit www.vmsm.com.

Holiday open house

Prepare for Christmas by coming to the historic Lynnhaven House Christmas Open House Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The Lynnhaven House is located at 4405 Wishart Road, Virginia Beach.

Join in the celebration of a Colonial holiday seasons at the Lynnhaven House resplendent in 18th century greenery, a vignette of colonial family life, a table laid for a feast and period music. There is no cost for this delightful colonial holiday experience. There will be hot spiced cider and cookies for sale as well as the opportunity for purchasing special Colonial Christmas gifts.

The Lynnhaven House is located at 4405 Wishart Rd. near the junction of Haywood Road and Independence Boulevard, near Haywood Shopping Center. For more information call, 460-1698.

Dinner dance

The Retired Officers' Wives Society of Tidewater will hold its annual Christmas dinner dance on Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by dancing. Make check payable to ROWS for \$29.50 per person. Send checks to Jean Vollmer, 3558 Shore Drive #809, Virginia Beach, VA. 23455-1716.

Council wants to speed \$100 million Virginia Beach Open Space Program

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council wants to put some action in its Virginia Beach Open Space Program plan of Action and move it ahead of schedule.

The plan, which is designed to provide open space in areas, mostly developed areas of the city, where open space is at a premium, includes acquiring property to convert into active or passive open space. Some council members are concerned that the longer the city waits, more of the available land will be gobbled up by developers and other private purchasers.

Parks and Recreation Director Sara Hensley at a recent council workshop presented a schedule which would take the plan into next November before the plan is ready for adoption and execution.

Parks and recreation's Barry Frankfield said an expenditure of \$50,000 to \$75,000 would be needed to bring the city to the point where the actual implementation could get started.

Approximately \$41,000 would be needed for a consultant's survey to determine how the public felt about the program, and the remaining for eight public meetings in various sections of the city to hear from citizens and for planning and analysis.

He said that \$100 million is a rough estimate of what the plan would cost to implement figuring on paying \$100,000 an acre for land.

When council members remarked that the public has already expressed its opinion, that the citizens want more open space, and that the city has all the data it needs, City Manager James K. Spore said that the consultant's study was needed not so much for physical data but to gauge the attitudes of the public.

Among the issues to be determined is how the program will be financed and also whether the property would be purchased from voluntary sellers or whether condemnation would be used.

Frankfield said that one area that had

been considered which contains 100 acres has already been sold.

He also said that the schedule had been tailored so that all the needed information would be available in case council wanted to have a referendum.

A voluntary tax increase approved through a referendum is among possible funding sources suggested in the plan.

Existing funding sources include:

■ Allocation in the Capital Improvement Program which would simply be reallocating or reprioritizing existing and future funds a less property could be acquired and maintained.

■ Cash in lieu of payments — upfront money from new residential development toward purchasing open space to offset development. The amount is not predictable.

■ Sale of existing residual property city property using the funds to purchase open space property. The amount is not predictable.

■ Redirecting existing taxes. This

COUNCIL UPDATE

The Dec. 28 City Council meeting has been cancelled. Council will meet on the two other regularly scheduled meeting days on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14.

would negatively affect other projects.

■ Apply for funding from various grants. There is no guarantee of funding and often funds must be matched with city funds.

■ Public/private authority. A recreation open space authority or redevelopment housing authority which also would be approved through a referendum.

Council agreed by consensus to move the schedule completion date from November to July.

Frankfield said that the schedule can

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Council establishes 'downtown'

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council has established a Central Business District - South and a tax increment financing district to finance it.

The ordinance establishing the city's "downtown" adopted recently by City Council will be bounded on the north by Virginia Beach Boulevard, on the east by Thalia Creek, on the south by Interstate 264 and on the west by Euclid Road, South Independence Boulevard and the railroad right-of-way, and Horace Avenue and an extension to a southerly direction. Provisions of the ordinance were effective on adoption of the ordinance.

With tax increment financing (TIF) no current tax dollars are involved and the development of the central business district will not come at the expense of other city programs.

The financing plan works this way: A private-sector entity commits its own capital for its share of a specific economic development project.

The city creates a TIF district which includes the project's land and possibly land of the surrounding area. The assessed values of real estate within the district at a certain date are established as the baseline.

Taxes on the baseline continue to be paid to the city to support its operations.

The city agrees to fund its share of the project from the taxes on the increased assessed values over the baseline that are generated as a result of improvement to the real estate within the TIF district. These funds can be used to fund the project on a pay-as-you-go basis or to pay debt service on bonds issued to finance the improvements.

If the real estate tax rate is increased in the future, revenue from the baseline going into the general fund and revenue above the baseline available to pay the city's obligation are increased.

The TIF period ends when the incremental revenue pays off the city's obligation. The real estate tax revenues, including the increased incremental revenue, go into the general fund.

Tax increment districts have previously been established in Sandbridge and the Lynnhaven Mall Shopping Area.



SPORTING OPPORTUNITY. James "Buddy" Wheeler, new sports marketing coordinator for the city of Virginia Beach surveys the view from the stands at the new Sportsplex. Photo by Jeannette Priest

City gets a sporting chance

Wheeler hired to polish Beach's sports image

By Jeannette Priest
Correspondent

Sitting amid the moving-in clutter of his new office, the newest executive of Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation, his future bride was a volunteer, and his first name on that court.

James "Buddy" Wheeler, new city coordinator for sports marketing and sales at the Virginia Beach Convention and Visitor Center, says that of the 22 years he's worked for the city, helping people has always been a favorite part of his job. The job is a newly-created position.

He's a natural for the position of enhancing the image and development of Virginia Beach as a sports destination, because of his extensive coaching ex-

perience. Family is definitely a priority for this man.

Smiling, the mild-mannered Clark-Kent-type man with a close-cropped haircut, remembers his days just out of college when he was coaching a wheelchair basketball team for Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation. His future bride was a volunteer, and his first name on that court.

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perience.

In 1998, Wheeler was vice chairman for the local organizing committee for Junior Olympic Games, which is the largest annual participatory event in the United States.

In 1998-99, he served as a tournament director of Colonial Athletic Association Men and Women's Soccer Championships, and in 1999, he became tournament coordinator of AAU Girls 14 and under national basketball championships.

"This job (sports marketing) sort of brings together all my experience and education," Wheeler said. "I want to bring in events that promote the family and offer positive events for the kids."

Wheeler's credentials include a back-

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Teen singer reaches out to less fortunate Troy Hedspeth's benefit concert to help Toys for Tots program

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Growing up Troy Hedspeth had everything a little boy could want — a loving family, a good home, a solid education. He always knew that there would be plenty under the tree at Christmas.

That little boy is 17 now and a fast-rising voice on the country music scene. And he knows that not all children are as fortunate as he was. They won't find much under the tree this year.

He's doing something about it. On Saturday, the First Colonial High

School senior will present his fifth annual gift to the community, a "Country Concert" to benefit Toys for Tots. Each year the event nets thousands of gifts for less-fortunate children through the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

"There are a lot of charities you can pick, but Christmas has always been a favorite time of mine. I've been fortunate to have what I've had. Then I think of kids who won't have anything Christmas morning. That's a terrible thing," said Hedspeth, the 1998 Virginia Youth Music Association Male Vocalist of the Year.

Toys for Tots was a natural choice. The first year's concert, when Hedspeth was just 13 years old, brought more than 1,000 toys for the charity.

"I felt the need to be waking up to a toyless day — a very special gift chosen just for them," said Hedspeth.

As his popularity has grown, so has the Christmas concert. Five albums later, Hedspeth has filled the Virginia Beach Pavilion and the Chesapeake Conference Center for the event.

This year he's trying something different — a new place with a versatile lineup. The concert will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at First Colonial High School, 1272 Mill Dam Rd. Doors open at 7 p.m., and admission is one new, unwrapped toy per family.

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Troy Hedspeth

Commentary

LIGHT A CANDLE

World AIDS Day

It is a crisis that, despite a bombardment of statistics and awareness education, continues to grow at home and around the world: AIDS.

The leading cause of death among Americans aged 25 to 44, more have died of this killer than who perished in the Gulf, Vietnam and Korean wars combined. Worldwide, an estimated 20 million people have been infected with HIV — and that number is quickly growing.

In an effort to turn the tide, World AIDS Day is observed annually Dec. 1. An international event of coordinated activities against the spread of HIV and AIDS, 191 countries around the world unite for this observance sponsored by the World Health Organization, the American Association of World Health, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This is the 12th annual observance and a reminder that the problem will not simply "go away." It will still take education, common sense and hard work for all to hear and take heed.

Locally, Hampton Roads residents can do their part in support of World AIDS Day by visiting two AIDS memorial tree displays — one at Lynnhaven Mall in Virginia Beach sponsored by the Tidewater Chapter of the American Red Cross and one at Chesapeake Square Mall sponsored by the Tidewater AIDS Crisis Taskforce and Eastern Virginia Regional AIDS Coalition. Remembering those from the area who have perished from AIDS, both trees will be on display through December.

Also in Virginia Beach, the city's Department of Public Health, 44512 Corporation Lane, is displaying a tree decorated with white lights and red and white ribbons to commemorate those who have died from or are living with the disease. The tree is on display in the atrium lobby through Dec. 10.

All communities are being affected by the AIDS crisis, and we cannot forget that. No one is immune. Pause and reflect on that this week in honor of World AIDS Day. — V.E.H.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

Family first

When was the last time you sat down and actually had a family dinner, aside from Thanksgiving? Not a fast food dinner hastily picked up in a rush, only to be wolfed down before heading out to a meeting, practice or other obligation — but a real family meal.

Can't remember? Then it's time to observe National Family Week designed to show recognition and appreciation for the backbone of America.

What is a family? The Doubleday Dictionary offers two definitions: 1) a group of persons consisting of parents and their children; or 2) a group of persons forming a household. These definitions leave little room for what a family is all about — love, warmth, comfort, nurturing, memories, role models. Just as families come in all shapes and sizes, so do the words synonymous with them.

Yet in our rush to get ahead, make ends meet or fulfill duties, we forget about our greatest obligation of all. That is the family. It's the one crutch we are bound to lean on when all seems to be wrong with the world.

So as you kick off this hurried holiday season, take a few moments to reflect on why you're doing it all. It's not for presents or a big meal. It's for family.

Take some time to get together and put family first. — V.E.H.

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ALL I KNOW ABOUT THIS POKEMON CRAZE IS THAT I'M THE "MON" WHO'S GETTING "POKED"...



We need more men like Jesse

Jesse Jackson is right as rain. In the midst of the lunacy of a high school fist fight in the stands of a football



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

is that his presence was required in the first place.

My question: Am I the only person who can remember fist fights that quickly turned into pile-ons by other hot-headed youths breaking out at a night high school football game in the "good ole days"? The students involved certainly got into trouble — big trouble, including school suspension. But nobody even considered charging the youth with a crime, and certainly not expulsion from school for a year, never mind two years.

Let's face it — 1999 America has declared war on its own youth. No wonder we have so many outbreaks of violence that scream out youthful disdain and disrespect for our educational institutions. Injustice only breeds alienation and alienation always breeds violence.

I grew up in a small town much like Decatur, Ill. But my town was blessed with a very firm school superintendent, a no-nonsense high school principal and a very wise and savvy School

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Board.

To prevent the overly emotionally-charged atmosphere that sometimes led to irrational and bellicose behavior by immature teenage boys, our School Board banned night football games. There wasn't a single fist fight or other such trouble from that day forward. In the cold light of a Saturday afternoon, all trouble (including teenage drinking and other undesirable behavior) stopped completely.

But of course, in my youth adults still cared about youngsters — all youngsters, even those who broke the rules and got into trouble. Americans in the 1950s were determined not to throw away a single child. After all, they were the future citizens and every troubled youth on their society failed to rehabilitate was its problem for decades to come.

And it is high time we dispelled the myth that children (especially teenagers) didn't take a swing at teachers or principals, start fist fights or cause

more serious trouble in those good ole days. That is laughably false.

How soon we forget. The term "juvenile delinquent" was first coined during the 1950s. Anyone with an ounce of common sense knows that teenagers have been a handful since the beginning of time.

Adult America has lost its soul. It demands that its young not make serious mistakes, even the same mistakes earlier generations made over and over again.

If we ever come to our senses, we will again put some structure into our teenagers' lives, and be vigilant in seeing to it that their behavior stays within safe and sane boundaries. More than anything else teenagers need adult supervision. They thrive when that is the case, so long as those adults truly have their best interest at heart.

And we need to start imposing consequences for misbehavior whose primary goal is to rehabilitate and redirect the youthful offender into a positive channel. That includes reforming our juvenile detention centers into safe places that offer intensive counseling and educational and work-related training for their inmates.

But most of all we need men as fathers and father figures to get back involved with their own sons and the sons of our community. A good father figure is more than just a disciplinarian, he is a youth's chief protector as well.

So if Jesse Jackson is the only man in America that has enough stature to stand up the idiots who run the schools and law enforcement in Decatur, Ill., I say "Good for him."

At least, those young men won't soon forget that they were deemed worth saving. That's not a message every young man in America ever hear from anybody these days.

Guilty before proven innocent

Egyptair Flight 900 has not settled to the bottom of the ocean off Massachusetts's Nantucket Island before the investigators of the National Transportation Safety Board and the irresponsible electronic news media were convinced that they knew the culprit responsible for the crash.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

It just had to be a member of the crew, relief co-pilot Gamedel Batouty. Their evidence was a tape recorded message attributed to him. On Wednesday a federal law enforcement official said that just before the autopilot was turned off and the fatal dive began, the crew member in the co-pilot's seat was recorded as saying, "I made my decision now. I put my faith in God's hands."

Later, another federal law official said that Gamedel Batouty did not make the remark, "I made my decision now."

Where it came from nobody seems to know, but it's just another case where based on an alleged remark a man's reputation is ruined and he is dead and can't defend himself. Now the authorities don't know what caused Flight 900 to crash. An explosion is being considered, but they will probably pin it on the dead crew relief co-pilot. It will be easier to make him the scapegoat.

It's similar to the explosion on the USS Iowa several years ago. After an extensive investigation, it was decided that the explosion was caused by a gay sailor. They had no motive, but since the accused was killed in the explosion who better to blame? The charge was so ridiculous and embarrassing that the Navy finally decided that it was bad ammunition that caused the explosion and have apologized to the gay soldier's family. But the damage was already done. The "authorities" just knew that Richard Jewell was responsible for the Atlanta bombing, and the news media had him convicted. They were wrong.

Of course, Jewell received a lot of money, but the news media hit him through hell until they decided that it wasn't him.

It wasn't but just a few years ago that Geraldo Rivera had a slime show that would put Jerry Springer to shame. Now that the once again has become a "respectable" commentator he has the uncanny ability to tell who is guilty when a crime is committed.

He has accused Patsy and John Ramsey of the murder of their daughter, Jon Benet, without one bit of credible evidence.

He is one of the worst on the air today and should be removed along with a few more "experts."

Welcome to the real world.

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Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

25 rolls around.

Of course, topping the list is shopping. Double groan. I admit that I used to be a major shopaholic, but these days spending sprees come few and far between.

There are a couple reasons it's tough trying to shop with a small child, and with a small child there's less money to spend anyway.

This year I'm contemplating doing something I never did before — shopping online. Hitting the stores during the hectic holiday season is nerve wracking enough, so why not give computerized shopping while sitting in the comfort of the home a try?

I got my first taste of it last week when my mom wanted me to pick her up some toys for Mitchell online dur-

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ing a big Toys R Us sale. I was hesitant, but browsing through the virtual store without shopping carts bumping into me was kind of neat. After you pay, all you have to do is wait for the boxes to arrive.

I'm also considering shopping by catalog. It's another way to avoid the stores and those hassling crowds.

And does it seem like the Christmas list gets longer and longer every year? Mine does. I just wonder why.

The next task on the holiday preparation list is sending out Christmas cards. It's a job in itself. First I need to take Mitchell for his Christmas picture to put in the envelopes. Then there's the actual job of writing out the messages. Heck, I need to find my Christmas card list in the first place!

Do you think folks would mind if they got their cards after New Year's?

I'm not one for cooking, but that's another traditional Christmas chore which must be faced. With assorted office parties and friendly gatherings, there's no escaping being called

upon to whip up cookies, casseroles and deviled eggs.

Getting ready for the holidays also means the house must be prepared for company. Like most people, we'll scurry up to the attic and scrounge around for box after box of decorations and ornaments, then try to find a place to display all that stuff.

Choosing a Christmas tree is one of the more enjoyable aspects of the holidays. That promises to be fun this year with Mitchell now a toddler. The work will come in keeping him from pulling all the ornaments off before the big day gets here.

Finally, there's wrapping the presents, an odious task at best. Remember one Christmas growing up when my dad, the perennial last-minute shopper, purchased his gifts on Christmas Eve. The next morning he presented them to us in the assorted store bags.

Wouldn't life be just that much easier if we all did that?

Despite all the work that the holidays entail — in addition to meshing in one's everyday chores, jobs and routines — this is a time for which we must all be thankful.

We are on the threshold of a new age. This will be the last Christmas of the 1990s, one which we'll remember for a long, long time. We need to make it count.

So as we shop, cook, clean and decorate, let's think about why we do all this. We do it for family and memories. We do it to celebrate Christ's birth and all it symbolizes. We do it because it makes us happy.

Just remember that as you're waiting in the 50 millionth checkout line and silently cursing the cashier.

Happy holidays.

Surviving the holidays

It's that time again. Thanksgiving has come and gone, and the December bustle is already here. While this time of year is an exciting one for most folks, it can also be a time of significant stress. The fast



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

pace, parties, shopping and family gatherings can be fun but exhausting! How can we inoculate ourselves to prevent holiday burnout? First, get organized. Make a list of the things that must be done and complete a few tasks each day. The key words are underlined to emphasize the importance of setting priorities. Avoid the trap of expecting too much from yourself and your family. It might be nice if you could do everything perfectly but is this realistic? Pick and choose your battles. If you don't have the time and energy to do everything (and who does?), then be honest with yourself. Select the things that are most important and do them. Then sit back and take pride in your accomplishments rather than feel guilty about the things you didn't have a chance to do.

Second, remember that you may need to say an important two letter word, "No." Be kind to yourself and others. Rather than obligate yourself to activities that you'd prefer not to do, then simply say "no." I would much rather be turned down than listen to the grumbling and resentment of someone who regrets his lack of assertiveness. If you don't set limits for yourself, don't expect others to do it for you.

Third, clarify roles. When families get together during the holidays, we sometimes imagine that our relationships magically will be perfect. Somehow the petty irritations we experience throughout the year will be suspended as we gather around the fireplace. Unfortunately, the holidays don't eliminate family stress but may in fact intensify it. Be realistic and keep your sense of humor.

Fourth, ask for help. You really don't have to do everything yourself and besides — martyrdom is not becoming. Don't set yourself up for failure by refusing to delegate to anyone you can. If you have the financial

While this time of year is an exciting one for most folks, it can also be a time of significant stress. The fast pace, parties, shopping and family gatherings can be fun but exhausting.

resources, consider purchasing help. Just because your mother always baked dozens of cakes, pies and cookies every holiday doesn't mean that you must do the same thing. If you enjoy baking and have the time, then go to it.

But if you don't, then be smart and enlist someone else's help. Will the products be as perfect as your own? Probably not, but they will be "good enough" and you'll be in a better frame of mind to enjoy them.

Fifth, the holidays do not give you permission to ignore your diet, exercise and sleep regimen. Maintain good health patterns especially in the area of exercise — a good stress reducer. Don't short change yourself. If you don't take care of yourself, you won't be able to take care of others during the holidays.

Finally, what if you face the holidays alone? What if family visits and rounds of parties aren't part of your holiday plans? For many people, the holidays can be a time of loneliness and depression. We may be reminded of earlier losses and disappointments. Don't wait for the holiday blues to attack. Plan your involvement with the world around you.

Take a good look at the community. There are literally hundreds of opportunities to share the spirit of the holidays with folks who need your help. Volunteer some time to make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate — a sick child, a lonely senior citizen, a homeless family. Give the most valuable gift that you have — a little of your time.

So the holidays are coming, and you're going to be ready. Take control of your time, your resources and your energy. Develop your plans and stick to them. The holidays stress! Sure, but relax, you'll survive.

Dr. Terry S. Jenkins, executive director of the Virginia Beach Community Services Board, contributed to this column.

Council takes steps to save historic sites

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

In an effort to save the city's historic buildings, City Council is offering a tax break to owners of the property who have their structures included in the Virginia Beach Historical Register and who rehabilitate the structure without diminishing its historical value.

More than 650 historic buildings were identified in Virginia Beach as the result of a 1992/1993 survey in which the city and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources shared the cost. Fifteen of the buildings have been placed on the National and Virginia Registers and others may also be eligible. Some, however, have a significance locally and it's because the city would like to save as many of these structures as possible that the city recently established the Virginia Beach Historical Register. Structures are approved or disapproved by the Department of Museums and Cultural Arts and the city's Historical Review Board. Sites already on the National Register of Historic Places or the Virginia Landmarks Register would be included on the city's register on the request of the property owner.

Being placed on the city's register would create no restrictions for property owners, unlike inclusion within a historic and cultural district under the city zoning ordinance.

Placement on the register, however, makes the property owners eligible for tax breaks.

Here's how the program, adopted recently by City Council, works:

Say a historically significant residential structure is assessed at \$100,000 before being rehabilitated and the rehabilitation work boosts the assessment to \$140,000, then the owner would receive an exemption on the \$40,000 on the real estate tax rate that will run with the property for 15 years.

A commercial or industrial structure would receive a 50 percent exemption on the cost to rehabilitate the structure, which runs on the structure, not the land, for five years.

The program had been presented and recommended by Mac Rawls, director of the Department of Museums and Cultural Arts.

To qualify structures have to be at least 50 years old.

Both the Virginia Beach Historic Resources Management Plan of 1995 and the 1999 Study of Financial Incentives for Historic Preservation recommended the establishment of the local register.

Say 'Yes 4 Kids' at Beach community forum Dec. 8

How can the Community work together to have the greatest positive impact on Virginia Beach youth?

Individuals, agencies, businesses and government organizations that provide services to Virginia Beach youth are encouraged to participate in the city's Yes 4 Kids Forum on Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Convention Center, 1000 19th St.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in developing a Virginia Beach Youth Plan and to work collaboratively in order to maximize the benefits of the public and private resources.

The forum is sponsored by the Virginia Beach Youth Opportunities Office and the Youth Opportunities Team. There is no charge to attend. For registration materials or more information, call the Youth Opportunities Office, 474-8492.

Up close and personal

Larry Sarosdy: Naturally speaking

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Since Larry Sarosdy can't get outdoors as much as he would like, he's brought part of it inside.

His new downtown office is decked with potted plants, and there's one hanging from the ceiling. Sarosdy would love to get more in there — it would make him feel more at home.

As the new executive director of the Hoffer Creek Wildlife Foundation in Portsmouth, the Virginia Beach resident is committed to spreading the word about the 142-acre refuge in Churchland. And he's ready to see it grow with a nature and education center, parking lot and plenty of trails. All that takes money, which is exactly why he's often office-bound.

He's hoping the foundation will be able to meet many of its goals through grants. On the job just a month, the position is perfect for Sarosdy. It combines his experience in non-profit work with a love of the great outdoors.

"Ever since I was a kid I had this attraction to walking in the woods," he explained. "I think probably most young kids like to explore, build bridges and do whatever it is kids do in the woods. But I just liked to go out there, sit down, watch the birds and try to figure out what was going on. It all seemed like such a mystery to me. Even now it's still very beautiful to be part of that."

Sarosdy also has a healthy love of back packing, hiking and nature photography, some of which he'll be able to indulge at the preserve.

"The preserve is really the last wilderness area in suburbia Portsmouth. Everything around it is developed or getting ready to be developed. The idea that at one time that land sustained innumerable wildlife and plant species and that now everything has been condensed down to this space is remarkable."

"This land supports deer populations, red foxes, turtles, eagles, any number of species. To me that is incredible. With the planet getting smaller and running out of space because man is clearing it out, this offers a glimpse of how man can live with nature in a unique environment — and how we can make it work," said Sarosdy.

Continuing to make the preserve a wilderness resource calls for planning. On the foundation's wish list is a nature center which would serve as a model of environmentally-conscious living. But that dream comes with a price tag. Sarosdy estimates it will take at least \$500,000 to make it happen.

"It'll be painstaking work raising it," he said. "It's not as easy as standing out on the corner saying, 'Hey, can you spare a dime?' Portsmouth is a city of 100,000 people, and even if everyone gave us a dollar it still wouldn't be enough for us to do what we want to do in the next couple of years, like build a nature center."

He envisions the center as having "sustainable design" and "green technology," making it unobtrusive to the surroundings and having the least impact possible on the environment.

"It would be a place where people from Hampton Roads and beyond could come and observe the whole concept of a wildlife preserve in the middle of an urbanized environment. I think one of the biggest cornerstones of this foundation will be education. The only way for people to change their behavior is to learn about different alternatives and start practicing them," Sarosdy explained.

He brings his own expertise to the subject. Though Sarosdy has a strong background in work for non-profit organizations, he has also worked as production manager at Winestett Nursery in Pungo. Though his duties with the nursery end in the winter, Sarosdy can still be found piddling in his own garden year-round. He especially enjoys growing native wildflowers and calls his yard in Indian Lakes his own private "solace."

Name: Larry Sarosdy.

What brought you to this area:

My father, who is retired Navy now.



Hometown: Carmel, Calif.

Age: 42, old enough to know better.

Occupation: Executive director, Hoffer Creek Wildlife Foundation.

Marital Status: Happily married to a beautiful woman, Kathy.

Children: One son, Max, who just turned 16. He's into all the things young teen-agers are into — friends, movies, school and getting away from the parents!

Magazines I read regularly: Horticulture, Southern Accents and Newsweek.

Favorite authors: Carlos Castaneda, Thomas Mann, Tom Clancy and Michael Creighton.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner with my wife at Luna Maya or sushi with my friends at "This Old House."

Favorite restaurant: Fuji Restaurant in Portland, Maine — the best sushi!

Favorite meal: Probably a caesar salad.

What most people don't know about me: I'm incredibly glib.

Best thing about myself: I'm an extremely sensitive and caring individual who is not afraid to stand up for what I believe in.

Worst habit: Worrying about my family and friends.

Pets: None. Between all my neighbors' pets I have more than enough.

Hobbies: Perennial gardening with native

plants, photography, back packing and guitar playing.

Ideal vacation: Jamaica, Tahiti; need I say more.

Pet peeves: People who don't make eye contact.

First job: My grandfather got me my first job. It was at an insurance company. I started in the mail room and was promoted to records clerk.

Least liked job: Working for a person who was a micro-manager and total control freak.

Favorite sports teams: San Francisco 49ers, New York Giants, Tiger Woods and ODU women's basketball team.

Favorite musicians: Neil Young, Joe Satriani, Cab Calloway, Frank Zappa, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jeff Beck and Saint-Saens.

Most embarrassing moment: There have been so many that I couldn't possibly narrow it down to one.

How I would like to be remembered: As someone who cared about my family and friends and this wonderful planet Earth.

If I received \$1 million: I'd invest, put my son through UVA, take care of my parents and in-laws, and travel.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd make people aware of how we are trashing our environment and ways they could help preserve and conserve our natural resources. I'd let people know about the Hoffer Creek Wildlife Foundation and how we are trying to preserve a corner of Portsmouth — and in turn we need their help financially and otherwise.

Wesleyan Choral groups perform with handbellists

The Virginia Wesleyan College Choir and The Wesleyan Singers, assisted by The Chancel Bells of Kings Grant Presbyterian Church and guitarist Sam Dorsey, will present a concert of their fall repertory on Friday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the College's Edward D. Hofheimer Theater.

David Clayton will conduct and Andrew Monument will accompany. The Chancel Bells are conducted by Janet Phelps. The concert is free and open to the public but reservations are necessary. Call 455-3292.

While the music is not exclusively seasonal, several works with holiday texts will be included.

Excerpts from the well-known Alfred Burt Carols performed by the Choir, and a medley of Christi-

mas Carols played by the handbellists with audience sing-a-long will highlight the spirit of the season. Other pieces to be sung by the choir are "Now Thank We All Our God," from J.S. Bach's Cantata 79 in an arrangement for handbells and choir, "Kyrie eleison," by Andrea Klouse, "Agnus Dei," by Audrey Snyder, and three spirituals: "Soon I Will Be Done," "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," and "Witness," arranged by Roger Emerson.

The College Choir is the oldest musical performance group on campus, and, as a student ensemble, offers musical and vocal developing along with the opportunity to explore great choral literature.

Some of the works performed with original orchestration by the choir include the Requiems of

Mozart, Fauré, and Durufé. Messiaen's Christmas portion, and the Gloria of Vivaldi and Poulenc. Works of many other classical and popular composers have found their way into their programs over the years to create a variety of learning experiences.

Selected from the choir, The Wesleyan Singers sing the chamber literature for choir: madrigals, motets, and masses, as well as spirituals, jazz and lighter pieces. This group performs frequently in the area and tours each year during the College's January Term. Their wide ranging repertoire has led to performances in such diverse places as St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC and Walt Disney World.

On this concert the Singers will perform works from their tours

repertory including the hauntingly beautiful "Three Poems from the Chinese" by Edwin Childs, and two madrigals, "All Ye Who Music Love," by Baldassare Donato, and "How Merrily We Live," by Michael East.

Clayton is a long-time professor of music at Virginia Wesleyan and Monument, a newcomer to the Tidewater musical scene, is from Manchester, England. Phelps is music director at King's Grant Presbyterian Church.

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be compressed but that the focus groups, which would be held in the various districts or the city, are important, especially if a tax increase were to be considered.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that she was disappointed that it would take a year before the city started to acquire property. "In another year, we can lose an awful lot."

She said that she has heard strong statements from the public and they don't want everything built on. He said she was worried about losing the in-fill parcels.

Henley said that there is the appearance "that we are not doing anything."

Councilman Linwood Branch III said that the people want open space, but "We want them to know how to pay for it. If we lose space, we lose it forever."

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said in an effort to move the project forward, it should be prioritized so financing can be included in the 2001-2002 budget.

Vice Mayor William E. Sessions Jr. said, "Open space is a big deal to me."

Based on typical planning standards, 10 acres of open space should be required for every 1,000 in population. Some areas of the city surpass that, but others, such as the Holland and Bayside planning areas, fall short.

Henley said the basic questions are how the land would be used — parks, recreation, trails and how it will be paid for.

Councilman Louis R. Jones said that the decision has to be made whether the money should be spent on schools and roads or open space. Oberndorf said that the people can't understand why the city can go in and purchase land to prevent a condo. The people just want the open space now. She asked whether the city was planning to purchase parcels only from willing sellers or whether condemnation would be used.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. said that the loss of revenue by taking property off the tax rolls needed to be figured in the cost.

Franklenfeld said the city already has the criteria to identify property to be purchased, that parks and recreation do not recommend buying a parcel less than one acre. Anything less would not have a significant value.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Adam Thoroughgood Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its Dec. 16 meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Westminster Canterbury on Shore Drive. As in the past, the Christmas luncheon will recognize three high school seniors who have been chosen as DAR "Good Citizens."

The students, their families and their high school counselors are invited to attend. The speaker for the luncheon will be Arlene Ingram, director of guidance and college counseling at Cape Henry Collegiate School.

Birdneck Elementary School will present its Christmas musical program on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The program will be presented by the second graders. A craft table will be set up for the children to make a Christmas ornament. The price of the craft will be \$1.

Windsor Oaks Elementary School will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Breakfast items will be available for 50 cents to \$2. Children will have an opportunity to do their holiday shopping and to have their picture taken with Santa. Reservations are requested. Call 431-4031.

The Saint Andrew's Society of Tidewater meets on Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Steinbecker's Thalia Acres Inn, 653 Thalia Road in Virginia Beach. Prospective members are welcome to attend. Call 430-2646 or 721-3052 for additional information.

Join Red Mill Elementary School on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:15 p.m. at their Advanced Band and Fifth Grade Winter Chorus performs a delightful array of holiday songs. Opening the program with favorite Christmas and Hanukkah selections, the Advanced Band sets the joyful mood of the season.

The Independence Holiday Chorus and Orchestra Concert will be presented on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria following a brief PTA meeting. The chorus is directed by Ellen Holland and the orchestra is directed by Sarah McCooey. Call the school, 460-7500, for additional information.

Toys for Tots hep

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Sponsored by local businesses, Hedspeh is drawing on the talents of his friends for a bigger lineup. Magician Jason Little will mesmerize the audience, and Shana Wood, a 14-year-old singing sensation from the Peninsula, will perform. She's a regular at the Virginia Lili Opry. Hedspeh will be backed by the Street Talk band.

Cast in this year's First Colonial production is "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Hedspeh is utilizing some of his drama friends for a dramatic touch, too.

"It's about more variety," Hedspeh said of the concert.

His holiday album, "Sounds of the Season," and newest album, "Living the Dream," will be highlighted. The latter includes eight songs Hedspeh penned.

As he prepares for his Christmas concert, Hedspeh is also getting ready for moving on. In the fall, he'll attend college, hopefully Belmont College, Nashville, to put him closer to realizing the dream of making it big.

"I want to go to college, but my main goal in life is to be a country music singer, recording artist, whatever you want to call it," said Hedspeh, whose onstage career started at age 10.

"In New York, Broadway sits

on the road where you want to be. In Nashville, Belmont sits on the road where I want to be — Music Row. That's where all the record labels and publishing companies are. I couldn't be any closer to the action."

Even if he doesn't "make it," Hedspeh said, he'll be ready for the rest of his life.

"I need to have a backup plan — and there's a 99 percent chance that plan is in music, whether it's songwriting or producing. There are a lot of good jobs out there."

An optimist, he's shooting for success. Since he started performing in 1993, Hedspeh's bookings have grown from 35 shows a year to 125 in 1999. He has also opened for such acts as Faith Hill, Sawyer Brown, Kathy Mattea, Mark Chesnut and Clay Walker. He's also been named Most Talented in the First Colonial High Class of 2000.

"For me music is about making an impact in people's lives," said Hedspeh, who attributes much of his success to his church family, Spring Branch Community Church. "This is the gift God has given me to do the work He wants me to do."

For more information on the Christmas concert or Hedspeh's bookings call, 340-3390. His website address is www.troyh.com.

Sporting chance

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bachelor of arts degree from Bowie, Md., as well as a masters degree in public administrator from Norfolk's Old Dominion University.

Just out of college in 1977, Wheeler worked for nine years in the therapeutic recreation as director of summer camps for mentally retarded and emotionally handicapped children through Parks and Recreation at Virginia Beach.

That grew into coaching wheelchair sports for adults — basketball, swimming, track and field events. The Virginia Beach Sun Wheelers ("No pun intended on my name," Wheeler said) became successful under his tutelage.

Dozens upon dozens of sports events have occurred because of Wheeler's initiative. Four major annual events, which strengthen the sports activities in the Hampton Roads area, are the Marathon, the 8K Run, the Masters 8K Run and the Children's Run.

"I run in the Masters, because that's the one for old people — those 40 and over," Wheeler said.

Every year a vendor fair and Children's Run are held at the Pavilion. Vendors sell fitness items and children gain self-esteem, recognition and have a lot of fun, according to Wheeler.

"I want to continue to help kids and also to have a positive impact on the city — economically," he said. "I'm looking for other venues in the region to host many kinds of sports activities and the new Sportsplex is a perfect venue."

"We are a big city," said Wheeler. "We're looking for various sports organizations to promote the city, and we're looking for a good fit with venue and support. National media coverage is beginning to develop, too."

Recently, the Alero Olympic Challenge Series, a beach-front volleyball series, was carried by ESPN on national television. "Families come for special events like this and see the fun things Virginia Beach has to offer," Wheeler said. "Then, they come back for vacations."

"We want to continue working with local organizations, too," said Wheeler. "We want to work with them in sponsoring events like the East Coast Surfing Championships and the Shamrock Marathon, which is an annual event."

"There are many opportunities for new venues," Wheeler said. "Many school gymnasiums have wonderful facilities for girls' and boys' basketball and the new Tournament Players Course (TPC) golf courses are just waiting to host future tournaments."

In July 2000, more than 100 teams of 12-year-olds boys basketball will participate at 10 different high school and middle school gyms in the area, according to Wheeler. Teams all over the United States are looking for sports venues, and Virginia Beach wants them to come here.

"The Hampton Roads Soccer Complex has at least 15 different fields. Soccer is a wide-open sports destination in our area," Wheeler

said. "Lacrosse, field hockey, football and many other sports can be played here. Virtually, any sport that needs a field, can find one in the Virginia Beach area."

"I want to bring in more events in the shoulder season (fall/spring)," Wheeler said. "I want to get the word out to the rest of the country that we're doing this."

"We want sports-minded people all over the world to think of Virginia Beach as their sports destination. Our ultimate goal," Wheeler said, "is for everyone to hear about us and come to us, saying, 'we've heard about you and we want come here.'"

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
3196 SACRAMENTO DRIVE
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

In execution of a deed of trust (the "Deed of Trust") from the Grantors, David L. Williams and Valerie H. Williams, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, (the "Clerk's Office"), at the Deed Book 3832 and Page 256, default having been made under the terms of the Deed of Trust, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction at One Columbus Center, Suite 1100, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462-6765, on December 17, 1999 at 9:30 a.m., the following described real property:

ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and being known, numbered and designated as Lot 122, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "SUBDIVISION OF PARCEL 2C-2, COURTHOUSE ESTATES, PHASE 3, SECTION H-3, APRIL 24, 1996, PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH-VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA", which said plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia in Map Book 257, at pages 24 through 29, inclusive.

IT BEING the same property conveyed to DAVID L. WILLIAMS and VALERIE H. WILLIAMS, husband and wife by deed from Affordable Homes, Inc., a Virginia corporation recorded January 9, 1998 in Deed Book 3832 at page 254.

The sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate.

Terms: Cash. Settlement within 10 days of sale. A bidder's deposit not to exceed \$100.00 may be required.

Leslie R. Watson
Substitute Trustee
For Information Contact:
Leslie R. Watson
Wolcott, Rivers, Wheary,
Bansight & Kelly, P.C.
One Columbus Center, Suite

1100
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
(757) 497-6633

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Public Notice

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
VIRGINIA BEACH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed exemption of
Beth Sholom Sands from real and
personal property taxation

On Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by Beth Sholom Sands as Being Exempt From State and Local Real and Personal Property Taxation." Beth Sholom Sands is expected to receive real property located in the City of Virginia Beach that was assessed in tax year 1999-2000 at \$4,343,500; if taxable, the real estate taxes in 1999-2000 would be \$52,999.70. Beth Sholom Sands currently owns a vehicle that is assessed in tax year at \$2800; the taxes on this vehicle are \$103.60 for tax year 1999-2000. Beth Sholom Sands is also expected to receive tangible personal property located in the City of Virginia Beach with an estimated value of \$20,000; if taxable, the taxes on this personal property in tax year 1999-2000 would be \$740. The real and personal property to be received by Beth Sholom Sands is currently owned by Beth Sholom Housing Corporation and is exempt from local taxation.

A copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk. All interested persons are welcome to appear at the hearing and present their views on this proposed exemption. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

Public Notice

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
VIRGINIA BEACH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed exemption of
Baycliff Civic League, Inc., from
real and personal property taxation

On Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by Baycliff Civic League, Inc., as Being Exempt From State and Local Real and Personal Property Taxation." Baycliff Civic League, Inc., owns no tangible personal property located in the City of Virginia Beach, and thus no personal property taxes have been assessed or paid in recent years. Baycliff Civic League, Inc., owns real property located in the City of Virginia Beach that is assessed at \$101,928 in tax year 1999-2000; the taxes on this real property in tax year 1999-2000 are \$1243.52.

A copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk. All interested persons are welcome to appear at the hearing and present their views on this proposed exemption. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

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Public Notice

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
VIRGINIA BEACH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed exemption of
Make-A-Wish Foundation of
Eastern Virginia, Inc., from real
and personal property taxation

On Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern Virginia, Inc., as Being Exempt From State and Local Real and Personal

Property Taxation." Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern Virginia, Inc., owns no real property located in the City of Virginia Beach, and thus no real property taxes have been assessed or paid in recent years. Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern Virginia, Inc., owns tangible personal property located in the City of Virginia Beach that is assessed at \$6944.80 in tax year 1999-2000; the taxes paid on this personal property in tax year 1999-2000 are \$256.96.

A copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk. All interested persons are welcome to appear at the hearing and present their views on this proposed exemption. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

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Public Notice

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY

The Virginia Beach City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the sale of 3.476 acres of City owned property, including building and all appurtenances thereon, Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at 2:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber. The property is located at 4564 Bonney Road. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain public input to decide whether this property should be declared "Excess of the City's Needs," and sold.

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to the Department of Economic Development, One Columbus Center, Suite 300, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. The telephone number for the Business Development Specialist handling this matter is (757) 437-6459. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting please call (757) 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., Petitioner vs.

SENEGAL SENGHOR, individually; BETTY CARRINGTON, individually; LEON T. CARRINGTON, SR., individually; GLORIA WYNN, individually; RONALD LEO BAGBY, individually; ALBERT CARRINGTON, III, individually; LeGRAND BAGBY, individually; RONALD P. SIMMONS, individually; FRANKLIN FREEMAN, individually; JOHN W. CARRINGTON, JR., individually; JAMES BAGBY, individually; Address Unknown and

Any and All unknown heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, successors and assigns of James Bagby, parties in possession, and Unknown Parties, Respondents.

Chancery No. CH99-2796

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above styled suit is for declaratory relief, to quiet title to real property, for the sale of real property of a person under a disability, and for partition, all pertaining to 11.49 acres of undeveloped real property located on the South side of Mapleton-Lynnhaven Road near the intersection with Magic Hollow Boulevard in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, all as more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed in the captioned proceedings.

AND IT APPEARING by Affidavit of WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., filed in accordance with the provisions of Va. Code §8.01-316 (1950), as amended that the following Respondent, JAMES BAGBY, cannot be located, and that there may be PARTIES UNKNOWN, of unknown residence, who may claim an interest in the subject real property as the heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, descendants, successors and/or assigns of James Bagby; and, there may be PARTIES UNKNOWN, who are tenants, claimants, or others who may claim an interest in and to the subject real property, it is therefore,

ORDERED, that the said JAMES BAGBY, and any and all HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS of JAMES BAGBY, and all PARTIES IN POSSESSION of the Property or claiming any right, title, or interest of any kind in and to the Property, and ALL PARTIES UNKNOWN do appear at or before a hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on January 7, 2000, in the Circuit Court of Virginia Beach, located at 2305 Judi-

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cial Boulevard, The Judicial Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9002, and take appropriate action to establish his or her interest in the subject real estate and do what is necessary to protect his or her interests in this matter, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper published and in general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Upon completion of such publication, the Clerk is directed to file a Certificate in these proceedings, certifying that the requirements of Va. Code §8.01-317 have been complied with.

Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Circuit Court Judge
Date: 1/11/99

Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody, J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.
By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:
Neal P. Brodsky, Esq. (VSB #29057)

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(757) 624-1454

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
340 Taldan Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael W. Aldridge and Narsine A. Aldridge dated December 23, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3693, page 11, securing a loan which was originally \$91,820.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot N, in Block 64, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Argona Village, Section 11," Tax Map #1477-26-1316.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
458 Hill Meadow Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stacy B. Martin and Lawrence W. Martin, Jr. dated July 29, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3927, page 1018, securing a loan which was originally \$4,250.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 30, Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Resubdivision of Lots 1-27 (MB 129, P. 12) Hilltop South, Lynnhaven Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia"

Tax Map #2407-96-9764-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP995704
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
201 South Fair Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Nancy Y. Bedford and Nancy Yvonne Gill dated January 22, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3840, page 1439, securing a loan which was originally \$1,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 8, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Southern First, Section Two, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia," Tax Map #1477-82-6222-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP995985
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner v.

ELIZABETH G. LAUGHORN, and her unknown heirs, Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NO.: CH99-3721

ORDER OF PUBLIC ACTION
To: Elizabeth G. Laughorn, Address Unknown. Unknown heirs of Elizabeth G. Laughorn, Parties and Addresses Unknown.

The object of this suit is to quiet title to and establish title to adverse possession in JLR Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, to an interest in certain parcels of land known as Lots 20 and 21, as shown on that certain plat of the East Norfolk Realty and Industrial Corporation, which plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office") in Map Book 4, at page 191, which interest was conveyed to Elizabeth G. Laughorn by deed of W.H. Morrison and Mary M. Morrison, dated March 19, 1914, recorded in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 109,

page 68.
An affidavit having been made and signed that the address for Elizabeth G. Laughorn is unknown and that there may be unknown heirs of Elizabeth G. Laughorn whose names and post office addresses are also unknown, it is hereby ORDERED, that each of said parties appear on or before January 12, 2000, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

Karen Vastardis
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach

I ask for this:

D. Scott Seery, P.C.
D. Scott Seery, Esquire
Jennifer L. Hawkins, Esquire
Faggert & Frieden, P.C.
1435 Crossways Boulevard,
Suite 200
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320
(757) 424-3232

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
3513 Daffodil Crescent
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Khadja Cummins dated June 14, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3230, page 921 and recorded in Deed Book 3399, page 533, securing a loan which was originally \$75,900.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 27, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Plat of Green Run P.U.D. Subdivision Section L-3, Part 2, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia," Tax Map #1486-70-1005-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,200.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP995961
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner v.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, an unincorporated association, 875 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, an unincorporated association, Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and
ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (SAID UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BEING "PARTIES UNKNOWN"), Respondents

IN CHANCERY NUMBER CH99-3727

ORDER OF PUBLIC ACTION

The above-captioned matter seeks the removal, as provided by law, of the remains interred on certain real property owned by the Petitioner, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and adjacent to the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church which property is more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed by the Petitioner.

It is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that all Respondents and other parties known and unknown who may have an interest in this matter shall appear and protect their interests at 9:30 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginia-Pilot or the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999.

Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.

Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1120 Indian Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Bradley T. Johnson and Cherie R. Johnson dated April 12, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3202, page 1087, securing a loan which was originally \$39,350.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 10, 1999 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit 1120 in that certain Condominium entitled Beach Club, II, Tax Map #2417973-6815-8740.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$3,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP995931
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

1. An Ordinance upon Application of M & G Associates, T/A Lynnhaven Dry Storage Marina for a Conditional Use Permit for a marina (dry storage boats) on the east side of W. Great Neck Road, south of Lynnhaven Drive (GPIN # 1499-38-5673). Said parcel is located at 2150 West Great Neck Road and contains 7.38 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNHAVEN.

DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Virginia Beach Marine Club, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial marina on Block 30, Shadwell Lawn Heights (GPIN # 2427-02-9112). Said parcel is located at 308 Mediterranean Avenue and contains 6,050 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Telbe Brothers, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (Putt-Putt Golf Course) on certain property located at the southwest corner of Atlantic Avenue and 18th Street (GPIN #2427-05-7420). Said parcel contains

5,760 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert Steinhilber & Herbert A. Culpepper for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative residential development on certain property located at the southwest intersection of Blackwater Road and Blackwater Loop (GPIN #1389-72-5323; #1389-71-5307; #1399-00-0478). Said parcel contains 320 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE: DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

5. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Robert Steinhilber & Herbert A. Culpepper. Property is located at the southwest intersection of Blackwater Road and Blackwater Loop (GPIN #1389-72-5323; #1389-71-5307; #1399-00-0478). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

AMENDMENTS: 6. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan to adopt policies related to the provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Section 111 of the City Zoning Ordinance to define "parking garages."

8. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to add Section 239.03 to establish submittal requirements for parking garages and set forth standards for the granting or denial of conditional use permits for such use.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend Sections 601, 701, 801, 901, 1001, 1501, 1511, 1521 and 1531, establishing parking garages as a conditional use in the Apartments Districts, Hotel District, Office Districts, Business Districts, Industrial Districts, the RT-1 Resort Tourist District, the RT-2 Resort Tourist District, the RT-3 Resort Tourist District and the RT-4 Resort Tourist District.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AE City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1429 Lake Christopher Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Richard J. Hague and Wendy C. Hague dated March 11, 1983 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2245, page 1796, securing a loan which was originally \$118,450.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 2, Block A as shown on that certain plat entitled "PLAT OF LAKE CHRISTOPHER SUBDIVISION, PHASE FIVE-B, KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA," Tax Map #1465-46-8665-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$11,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP994536
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1714 Taft Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kevin Lee Caldwell and Anne-Marie Caldwell dated May 19, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3218, page 1089, securing a loan which was originally \$49,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 10, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 70 as shown on the plat entitled, "Subdivision of HEIDO Terrace," Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #1486-55-0209-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP995891
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1418 Genevieve Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Derrick Eugene Day and Laurie Ann Day dated May 7, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3215, page 855 and re-recorded in Deed Book 3486, page 1348, securing a loan which was originally \$68,450.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 10, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit Number 9-1418 in "Lakes End Condominium," (Phase 3), Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #1465-77-5351-7990.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP995679
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
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Joe Gray, Manager
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There's 'Moore' to curing hams than just salt

When I hear the names Smithfield, Luter and Gwaltney, I think of ham. Those words and ham are permanently and inextricably linked in my mind. Like it or not, that probably will never change.

What has changed is that every time I hear, see, or smell ham, I'll think Moore — as in Carter Moore, although Carter Moore is absolutely not a ham.

By Bob Ruegger, columnist

While Moore would never even suggest it (much less say it), what he doesn't know about curing hams probably isn't worth knowing. It has been said that Moore knows more about the curing and smoking of hams than anyone in the world, but there's not a boastful bone in his body. He's just too modest to pat himself on the back.

Moore once selected a "grand champion ham" for Virginia Tech's Block and Bridle Little International Livestock Expo which sold for \$900 or about \$56 per pound. In addition to a taste test, the competing hams were judged on the basis of volume of muscle, depth of color and amount of fat content. Moore was also personally asked by V.W. Joyner and Company to select a ham that was ordered as a gift for President Ronald Reagan.

After years of practical experience in the ham industry, Moore eventually rose to the level of curemaster. In Smithfield, a curemaster is a man who has spent a lifetime developing his skill and reputation. He certainly knows his way around ham.

Moore was, in his own words, "born (Aug. 23, 1932) and raised in Smithfield." He has worked in the ham processing business for more than 45 years. In his first 42 years, he

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missed work only once — the day of his mother's burial. Even both of his years, he's worked for three of the Smithfield companies: Gwaltney, Swift and Joyner.

According to a booklet called "A History of the Smithfield Ham Industry" distributed by V.W. Joyner as promotional literature, the curing process for each of the Smithfield companies varies slightly, but the overall procedure is generic.

Carter Moore's detailed account of the curing process is slightly more involved than the procedure that was briefly outlined by Joyner & Company, which still cures and smokes hams "in the colonial tradition."

The V.W. Joyner smokehouse, which was built in 1889, is still in use today. Moore has condensed his 45 years of experience and expertise in curing and smoking ham into a brief, informative presentation for patrons at the Isle of Wight Museum in Smithfield.

The "green hams," as Moore calls them, are treated with a small amount of sodium nitrate around the "H-bone," and then covered with salt in a salt tray.

He noted, "The salt is rubbed into the ham to draw out the water and blood." According to Moore, this should be done in a cooler in which

the temperature is around 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

For five days, the green hams will be stacked flat on pallets. After five days, the hams will be resalted and "edged" — stacked with the large end out — for 45 days. At the end of the 45-day period, the exterior salt will be rinsed off. After the excess salt is washed off, the hams are "strung up" in the smokehouse. After a hardwood fire is established in the smokehouse, oak or hickory sawdust is sprinkled on the fire to cause it to produce smoke.

Although oak and hickory are the preferred woods for smoking hams, Moore contends that any hardwood will do. Pine, of course, must never be used under any circumstances, while fruit woods such as apple, peach and pear can add a distinctive flavor to the ham.

When the hams turn a rich, dark brown, they are ready to be moved from the smokehouse to the aging building. The curemaster makes that decision. Following about two weeks in the smokehouse, the hams are rolled in black pepper and transferred to the aging house to cure from 60 to 180 days.

"A ham must age for at least six months before it's a Smithfield ham," Moore pointed out while a country ham requires only two months of aging to earn that "country ham" designation.

Age is the primary difference between a country ham and the real thing — a Smithfield ham; another difference, contends Moore, is that country ham tastes less salty than the Smithfield Ham. For those hams that are to become genuine Smithfield hams, the ten days of salting, 45 days of edging, two weeks of smoking and the 180 days of aging are just stages in the preservation process.

A Pagan ham (named for Smithfield's Pagan River), on the other hand, is not smoke cured at all; saltwater is injected into the Pagan Ham to affect a cure.

"Of course," Carter Moore noted, "the salting-smoking process is used to preserve the meat. You've still got to cook it."



CUREMASTER. Carter Moore was born and raised in Smithfield. Although he claims to be retired, he continues to work two or three days a week at V.W. Joyner Co. in Smithfield.

Moore has a few tips to pass along for cooking a Smithfield ham as well. It takes about five hours to properly cook a Smithfield ham. Soaking the ham in water prior to cooking it reduces the salty taste, and draining off the water when the ham is half cooked will further reduce the saltiness. There's even a proper way of slicing the meat after its been cooked.

The precise origin of the curing

process that Moore outlines during his informal ham industry lecture at the Isle of Wight Museum in Smithfield seems to be a bit uncertain. Native Americans have been given credit for developing the salt-smoke curing process for over a hundred years; however, some historians are of the opinion that the English who settled colonial Virginia probably brought their own methods of

preserving meat from England although they undoubtedly learned other methods from the Indians.

During the hard times at Jamestown in the early 1600s, at least one colonist was reported to have salted down his wife's body to preserve it for future consumption. Accounts from that period indicate that he was executed for his trouble. Apparently, the meat inspectors were merciless in those days. Perhaps, the English brought the salt-preservation technique with them and combined it with a smoking procedure that they learned from Native Americans.

In "A History of the Smithfield Ham Industry," Everett and Barham point out that the "early popularity" of the Smithfield Ham stemmed from the fact that it had an indefinite shelf-life in the days before refrigeration existed. In eastern Virginia's humid climate, it met an important need. Today's current popularity, however, rests upon its "world renowned...distinctive taste."

At any rate, Moore — affectionately dubbed the "curemaster" for his years of experience in the Smithfield ham industry — is still on the job. He claims to be retired, but he still admits to working for V.W. Joyner and Company two or three days a week. His present job is to teach the new workers what he has learned.

"If someone doesn't teach them, they just won't know," comments Moore. "You can't do something like this for all these years and just sit down. I still enjoy messing with curing hams."

If Moore were ordering ham in a restaurant, what would he select? Ham hocks and cabbage? No way! Ham croquettes? Get serious! Deviled ham? You're not even close! Moore likes to keep it simple.

"I'd order a country ham sandwich on rye — with mustard," he insists. "No cheese for me, it ruins the flavor."

Being conscious of Carter Moore's modest manner and his remarkable expertise with regard to curing and smoking ham, I'm convinced that any recommendation that he might make would be in good taste.



JOYOUS PERFORMANCE. The upcoming show will help make children's season brighter with help from the Joy Fund.

'Dance Magic' returns

If you want to "hike" the Appalachian Trail and experience angels, outer space and dance, come to the Norfolk Recreation, Parks and General Services' Lakewood Dance and Music Center's 19th annual Dance Magic performance to benefit the Joy Fund on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Harrison Opera House.

Don't miss the opportunity to see Norfolk's children perform The Appalachian Trail Dance, a dance choreographed by Jacques d'Ambrose, a former New York City ballet dancer and founder of the National Dance Institute, who was recently featured on the "Today Show" and in Parade Magazine. Jacques is presently hiking the 2,160 mile Appalachian Trail from Maine to

Georgia and stopping along the way to teach dance.

Hear Lewis and Kayce McGee as the sing "Angels Among Us" in memory of Fran Akers and Rebecca Sherron, two former recreation employees.

See WVEC-TV 13's Barbara Ciara, Judge Hal Bonney and The First Pointe Players of the Virginia Ballet Theatre. Because of a co-sponsorship with Scope Productions, Smith and Williams Funeral Home, and The Wesleyan of Epworth United Methodist Church, see "Dance Magic" for just \$7.

Purchase a \$7 ticket from Lakewood Dance/Music Center. Call 441-2149 for more information.

Grace church presents Joys

Mark your calendars now for an inspirational morning for the entire family. The congregation of Grace Community Church, 1725 Salem Rd., will present The Joys Christmas Concert during the Sunday morning 11 a.m. worship service on Dec. 12.

This Southern Gospel Trio from Virginia Beach will perform. They

have dedicated themselves and their talents to the ministry of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the uplifting of the saints, redemption of the lost and the edification of the Holy Spirit.

Call Fred Devan, pastor, 471-5148, for more information. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Let it fly!

The Bill Wills Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) and Federation of Fly Fishers will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at Northwest River Park.

The group meets monthly for free seminars on fly fishing, casting and tying at the park. Co-sponsored by the chapter, Chesapeake Parks and Recreation and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, there are no prerequisites except an interest in fly fishing.

The seminars consist of a basic equipment lecture and hands-on practice casting a fly rod, tying one's first fly or both.

For more information call Bill Campbell, 499-1172.

Glenwood slates Santa breakfast, PTA musical

Students from Glenwood Elementary School will have breakfast with Santa Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost will be \$2.50 per person at the door. Also pictures with Santa are available for an extra \$1. Girl Scout Troop 394 will be assisting the children at the craft table making reindeer. The PTA is looking forward to "Breakfast with Santa" being a huge success.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, Glenwood's PTA meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Following the meeting there will be a chorus program. The students will be singing a selection of favorite songs from the last millennium. There will also be a sing-a-long with the audience.

AARP chapters host joint meeting

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will hold a joint installation of new officers and board members for the year of 2000 along those of Great Neck AARP Chapter 4643 on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the Oceana Naval Air Station's Officers Club. Those wishing to attend the dinner and event may arrive at 6 p.m. For additional information call, 430-2646 or 468-3814.

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All lit up!

The old Cape Henry Lighthouse is being illuminated from 5:30 to 10 p.m. daily through Jan. 3. The lighthouse is owned and operated by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA). The lighthouse is officially closed to visitors for the season.

The public is invited to come out and view the illuminated historical landmark during the holiday season. Visitors are requested to remain on Atlantic Avenue, the main road through Fort Story. Visitors should be prepared to show a driver's license upon entrance to Fort Story. Parking is available at the lighthouse and in front of the Cape Henry Memorial cross site.

For additional information contact the Fort Story Public Affairs Office, 422-7101 ext. 230, or the military police, 422-7141.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library will hold their Semi-Annual Used Book Sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion in Virginia Beach. Books available will cover all subjects and prices are very low (\$1 for hardback books; 50 cents for paperback books). Admission is free and there is no limit to the number of books that can be purchased. For more information call, 427-4321.

New officers

The Virginia Beach Development Authority has announced newly-elected officers effective immediately. They are: Stephen W. Burke, chair; W. Brantley Basnight III, vice chair; Robert F. Hagans, secretary; Robert G. Jones, assistant secretary; and Kenneth D. Barefoot, treasurer.

Burke is an executive vice president with Abacus Communications. Basnight is a lawyer and a partner with the law firm of Wolcott, Rivers, Wheary, Basnight and Kelly, P.C., and is also a judge. Hagans is a lawyer with his own firm, Law Office of Robert F. Hagans Jr. and a former School Board member.

Jones is a lawyer and a partner with the law firm of Jones, Russo and Walker, P.C., and a former mayor of Virginia Beach. Barefoot is managing broker of William E. Woods and Associates on North Battlefield Boulevard in Chesapeake.

The Virginia Beach Development Authority exists to facilitate the expansion of the tax base through increased business investment and to create employment opportunities for the citizens of Virginia Beach.

Helping tots

The Retired Officers will hold a Toys-For-Tots cocktail party at the Oceana Officers Club on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Officers are encouraged to donate an unwrapped toy suitable for boys and girls of all ages for collection by Marine Reserves of Aircraft Group 42. For reservations call 464-6681 no later than Sunday evening, Dec. 12.

Holiday sleeper

Drop the kids off for the night and get some holiday shopping done. Seateck Recreation Center will be hosting this Holiday Sleeper on Friday, Dec. 17 from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Youth aged 7 to 13 are welcome to participate. Dinner, snacks, games, swimming and a movie will be provided, plus a lot more. The cost is \$15 per child, in addition to a facility card or day pass.

Holiday trolley

Board a trolley and travel through three centuries of Christmas traditions as the historic houses of Virginia Beach join together to bring 300 years of history alive.

"History After Dark - The Christmas of Long Ago," co-sponsored by the Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach Historical Society, will be presented Sunday, Dec. 12. Visit The Adam Thoroughgood House, The Lynnhaven House, Upper Wolfswarne Plantation and The Francis Land House. All houses will be decorated according to their historical period. The evening will end with refreshments and music at the Francis Land House. Trolleys leave the Francis Land House at 4 p.m. for the 2.5 hour program. Tickets are \$20 each and should be purchased in advance at the Francis Land House, 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd.

'Parties and Plays'

Begin Christmas week with an inspirational morning for the entire family. The youth of Grace Community Church, 1725 Salem Rd., will present "Parties and Plays, Dreams and Visions" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City staff members have offered some hope for a traffic plan at the oceanfront that will be pedestrian- and driver-friendly, but say that no single technological approach will satisfy all of the city's objectives.

E. Dean Block, Public Works director, told council at a workshop Tuesday that the staff boiled 12 proposals down to four possible approaches, but not one of which will satisfy all of the city's objectives.

The city has 14 objectives, but basically what the city wants is to have a lot of visitors without clogging up the oceanfront streets driving some of these visitors away.

'99 revenues up 4.8%, but local return only 2.8%

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

While the general property tax revenues remained strong in fiscal year 1999, some of the city's other tax sources were flat or even showed a decrease from fiscal 98.

Amusement taxes, for instance, showed no increase, while charges for services were \$500,000 less. While the general sales tax, business license taxes, utility taxes, meal taxes and hotel taxes increased for the year, the increases were modest and all other taxes showed a \$2.2 million decline.

Local revenues overall showed an increase of \$14.6 million for the year, or 2.8 percent more than in 1998.

General governmental revenues from all sources, however, produced a percentage increase of 4.8 percent (total revenues were \$909.6 million) over 1998.

Patricia A. Phillips, director of finance, in presenting the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) completed by the firm of KPMG Peat Marwick, said that general property taxes increased 3.6 percent and other local taxes increased 5.1 percent. Other revenues, she said, decreased or were stable.

The city spent less than budgeted—\$565 million or 4.3 percent less than budgeted appropriations. Departmental and other city net expenditures were under budget by \$13.7 million and the school's reversion, the unspent profits budget, was \$11.4 million for a total of \$25.1 million.

The schools' reversion money will be used for school capital projects, textbooks and school technology. Included will be the previous school reversion of \$1.1 million.

As a result of the audit, Phillips said that the undersigned general fund balance is \$56.2 million at June 30 or \$3.4 million.

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The area in question extends from 42nd Street to Rudee Inlet, and between Laskin Road and General Booth Boulevard, west to Birdneck Road.

Each of the plans uses one-way streets in various configurations. Each of the plans provides for trolley service — one goal is to promote transit use.

Block said that "improvement is possible; improvement is desirable; and all the alternatives will improve the situation and move toward the goals we have set."

Planning Director Robert Scott said that many of the ideas on improving the situation are contradictory. Whichever plan is chosen — Block said the staff is open to comment and suggestions. Council expects no changes could be made until the 2001 resort season.

The oceanfront resort area concept plan calls for treating the oceanfront uses as a unit rather than individual uses. Instead of scattered parking areas, the city would prefer that visitors use parking garages like the one the city built at Ninth Street. Another is anticipated for 31st Street and another at 19th Street.

One alternative would have Pacific Avenue one-way north for three lanes with Arctic Avenue as one-way south (two lanes) from 17th Street to 22nd Street. The additional width on Pacific would be used as a staging area for law enforcement. Atlantic Avenue would operate as a two-way roadway with one lane in each direction, a center turn lane and a southbound trolley lane. The north end of Atlantic Avenue (north of 25th Street)

9th Street (Norfolk Avenue). The trolley would operate as it does today, both northbound and southbound on Atlantic Avenue. North of 25th Street the trolleys would share the car lanes.

The second alternative would have Pacific Avenue one-way north for three lanes with a northbound dedicated trolley lane and Arctic Avenue as one-way south for two lanes from 17th Street to 22nd Street. To the north and south of the core area, the trolley would run with vehicular traffic. Atlantic Avenue would operate as a two-way roadway with one lane in each direction, a center turn lane and a southbound trolley lane. The north end of Atlantic Avenue (north of 25th Street)

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Americorps volunteers hit the First Landing trail

Young civilian corps repairs storm damage

By Colleen Holmes
Correspondent

Last year as Ernest Filart finished his psychology degree at UCLA, he had no idea that in a few short months he would be in Virginia Beach operating chainsaws and driving tractors.

Ernest is one of 13 Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) volunteers working at First Landing State Park from Nov. 2 through Dec. 17. The team is restoring and widening trails, many of which have been damaged by heavy traffic as construction crews completed the Long Creek Bridge and have been overcome with debris from severe storms.

Americorps NCCC is a residential service program for individuals aged 18 through 24. It is reminiscent of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s. The selected participants begin their 10-month tenure with Americorps, by undergoing intensive training in areas such as leadership, team building, citizenship, physical conditioning, and project-specific and safety skills, at one of five campuses located in Charleston, S.C., San Diego, Calif., Denver, Colo., Perry Point, Md., and Washington, D.C.

The teams of 10 to 15 are then dispatched to areas throughout the 50 states to perform service projects attending to unmet needs in the areas of education, civic concerns, public safety, the environment, and responding to natural disasters.

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Photo by Colleen Holmes

COLD WEATHER FRIENDS. Americorps NCCC team members show that even grueling trail restoration can be fun. The group braved the year's first 20-degree days to accomplish their work at First Landing State Park.

Spaghetti smiles light youths' faces



SPAGHETTI SMILES. Youths from the Armed Forces YMCA in Virginia Beach are entertained by a strolling puppeteer during the Spaghetti Warehouse holiday celebration.

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

What do 100 loaves of bread, three bushels of popcorn and 80 pounds of spaghetti add up to?

The answer is a whole lot of smiles. For the eighth year in a row, the Spaghetti Warehouse shared its holiday spirit with youngsters from across Hampton Roads for one of the community's largest children's celebrations.

On Saturday, 381 children from Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach filled the restaurant for a free afternoon of food, fellowship and visit with Santa.

Many of the children spent the morning hitting the Wal-Mart on Battlefield Boulevard for the law enforcement community's annual Shop With A Cop program.

"This gives us a chance to interact with the kids on a different level — something outside the classroom," said Deputy Carol Handy, Portsmouth's DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer.



MMM GOOD! Dominic Samuels of Virginia Beach, 8, crams a forkful of spaghetti into his mouth.

The Portsmouth office brought about 50 children for the festivities, which included steaming bowls of spaghetti and sauce, fresh bread, popcorn and

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Commentary

GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Keep it sane

Hey, you're supposed to smile. It's time for festive lights, good food and family visits. It's the season of goodwill and cheer. Isn't it? It is provided you don't go into overload first from all the holiday shopping, extra cooking, crowded malls, overcommitted calendar and heavy traffic.

There is a way to avoid the seasonal craziness — just try to keep it sane. The AAA of Tidewater suggests a few tips to avoid a holiday recipe for frustration:

■ When it comes to travel, leave early and stay late is a good rule of thumb. If possible, depart a day earlier than normal or a day later. You can avoid wasting time in traffic jams and enjoy more time with family and friends.

■ Plan ahead. This applies to everything from hitting the road to drawing up a shopping list or holiday dinner menu. Avoid the last-minute crunch.

■ Take your time. Few things are guaranteed to send you into overdrive faster than being rushed. The current land speed record is 733 miles per hour, so don't try to break it on the way to the mall or grandma's house.

■ Take a break. You'll enjoy yourself more if you take a break every now and then from your activity, whether it's hitting the stores or a long car trip. Stretch your legs, or sit down if you've been on them a while. Drink plenty of fluids.

■ Make it fun. Children have notoriously short attention spans, so they quickly lose interest regardless of the activity. Bring along some snacks and toys on your outings.

■ Don't eat and run. Sure you love those holiday meals, but how about the way they make you feel? After that third helping of stuffing, take a walk to get the blood flowing.

Follow these tips and the holidays will be much merrier for all. — V.E.H.

SEASONAL SHOPPING SAFETY

Use your smarts

Stores and malls are a mecca for holiday shoppers. But they're not the only ones lured by the hustle and bustle and promise of bargains. The holidays are especially lucrative for thieves ready to prey on preoccupied shoppers.

Local police departments offer some simple tips for a safer shopping season:

■ Park in a well lighted area and as close as possible to the mall or store entrance.

■ Do not flash cash. Use checks or credit cards.

■ Ladies should put identification, money and credit cards in a pocket rather than a pocket book.

■ Shop at locations where security is provided.

■ While shopping, make frequent trips to the car so you won't have to carry a large number of packages. Store bags in the trunk out of view of passersby.

■ When leaving or returning to your car, try to walk with others. There is safety in numbers.

■ Be alert. If you feel you are being followed, go directly to a police or security officer or into the nearest store. Play it safe. — V.E.H.

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Trade, yes — abuse, no

It's about time. Ever since a lame duck Congress in 1991 approved the U.S. entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO) and signed on to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), I have been waiting for American values to return to our trade policies. If it took the so-called "Battle of Seattle" to shine the light on child and prison labor, global pollution and the denial of workers the right to organize, then it was well worth it.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

Everyone is for trade — the more the better. And we all understand that it would be unfair to impose our own high labor and environmental standards on poor, developing countries. There is even logic in allowing those developing countries to set a higher tariff rate on their primary domestic products than our own. After all, we needed to do just that when we were trying to establish our own economy after breaking away from the British Empire.

The powerful engine of the U.S. economy can certainly sustain that type of imbalance in tariffs. But, for America to totally ignore the exploitation of children and workers throughout the world to gratify the greed of foreign oligarchies and international conglomerates is an outrage.

Business is a human endeavor — which means it is required to honor the same human rights as every other activity conducted in our society.

Both NAFTA and GATT were amended to provide protection for intellectual property rights so that foreign businesses could not infringe on our trademarks and patents, but to date neither has been amended to require a core labor standard or even the most minimal of environmental protections.

How can anyone argue that property rights are more important internationally than human beings and the planet? But, the unselected bureaucrats that control the secret sessions of the World Trade Organization have said just that. Abusive labor practices or industrial pollution of the world's environment are just fringe issues as far as the WTO is concerned.

One has to ask how they can sleep at night knowing the pillow they are sleeping on could well have been made by an 8-year-old who worked 12 hours a day with almost no breaks for food or anything else, for which he or she was paid pennies an hour.

And I would suggest our American "free traders" (who speak off the laissez-faire dogma of Adam Smith like they are quoting the Bible) take a look at a map of our hemisphere. Mexico borders our entire southwest boundary, and the other countries of Central and South America utilize

the same waterways and atmosphere that flows through our region. Is there some magic formula these free traders have for sealing our environment off from the poisons and pollution created by the unregulated industries of these close neighbors?

Then there is the issue of our ever-increasing trade deficit with Mexico and China, and the flight of our manufacturing base to foreign lands. During the next major economic downturn or national security crisis, do these free traders really expect our service economy to be in a position to pull us through? Loss of economic self-sufficiency in the manufacturing sector is about a lot more than loss of good wage-earning jobs. It's about American security as well.

It is perfectly reasonable to demand that those who expect to import goods into our billion dollar market not produce those goods with child or forced labor. It is equally reasonable for our nation to stand tough on the right of workers everywhere to organize in order to protect themselves from a dangerous workplace and inadequate compensation.

There is no excuse for the United States to trade with any country, large or small, that refuses to sign onto a core labor standard, which simply equates with human rights. Any nation who abuses its common citizenry by refusing them such basic rights ought not to be our trading partner in the first place.

But what about the populous Chinese market? Well, what about it? America needs its fundamental values a lot more than it needs Chinese dollars. We can always replace dollars, but the same can not be said for our soul.

Christmas through a child's eyes

As much as I huff and puff about the holiday hassles and hustle, I admit there is some fun to be found in all this madness.

I dread the shopping, cooking, wrapping and cleaning, but I love the parties, merriment and goodies.

What I love the most about this year, however, is seeing Christmas through my son's eyes.

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

Sure, I know he's just a toddler. But at 13 months old he is wide open to new experiences, sights and sounds. He drinks all this in with boundless energy and wants more.

It's simply amazing. I knew the holidays were going to be fun with Mitchell when we sat down for Thanksgiving dinner. My boy isn't a very picky eater, thank goodness, so I loaded up a plate for him with gusto. Now that he enjoys "people" food more than his baby and toddler food, I knew we were in for something.

On his dinner plate went turkey, dressing and gravy, sweet potato and apple casserole, corn pudding, carrots, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and a dinner roll. The only thing I left off was the collards, which I figured would be too stringy for someone with only seven teeth.

Then we let Mitchell have it. With sleeves rolled up to his el-

bows and big bib tied around his neck, he set to work demolishing the plate of food. Though we supplied him with a toddler spoon and fork, he found hands worked much better at picking up the food and shoveling it to the mouth.

None of us could believe it when he polished off everything, then gestured for his sippy cup of milk to wash it down.

We cleared the dishes and made way for dessert. As I set pie at each plate, Mitchell knew he was supposed to have some, too. He gestured at the plate and simply said, "Pie, pie," over and over. He got a piece of that, too, topped with whipped cream.

With a full belly, he slept hard that night and didn't rouse until nearly 9 a.m. His usual wake time is 6:30 a.m. I gave thanks that we were able to share that special meal with our son.

Last week Mitchell had another "first" — his first Christmas parade. The Chesapeake holiday parade is traditionally held on one of the coldest nights of the year, and this year did not disappoint.

Sure, there have been other holiday parades in Hampton Roads already. Virginia Beach's was Nov. 13, and Norfolk/Portsmouth's was Nov. 20, but I just can't get into a Christmas parade before Thanksgiving. I wanted Mitchell to enjoy it when a Christmas parade is appropriate — December.

We planned early for the special night. Luckily Mom gave Mitchell a hearty L.L. Bean snowsuit — the kind that zips from head to toe — for his birthday. We also packed his mittens and fleece-lined hat with ear flaps. I dressed him in a turtle-neck, heavy overalls and boots.

He resembled that child in the favorite holiday movie "The Christmas Story," about the kid who wants a

Red Rider BB Gun from Santa. Remember how his mom dressed him in a similar getup so that he couldn't put his arms down, and when he fell he couldn't stand up? That's what Mitchell looked like.

Making it a family affair, we stopped for dinner at IHOP first, where Mitch plowed through a pancake dinner. Then we headed to Great Bridge. Evan pulled the car into a good parking spot and we pulled out the stroller.

First we stopped at City Hall, where the official Christmas tree is lighted and carolers performed. Bundled in his stroller, Mitch gazed up at all the bushes and trees decked in lights, mesmerized within the scenery, and said, "Wow!"

We worked our way to Cedar Road, where we found a good viewing spot near the reviewing stand. It was so cold that our feet quickly became numb and our breath was visible in the night air.

Mitch hung on for a good while observing the people around him. As dancers performed in the street before the parade started he was in awe. When the police on motorcycles with blue flashing lights showed up, signaling the start of the parade, he strained to get out of his stroller and closer to the action.

By 7:45 p.m., however, the excitement had worn him out. He zonked, regardless of the marching bands and blaring sirens.

Returning to the car later Evan and I agreed that it had been a true Christmas evening and that our little buddy had enjoyed himself.

Sure, I liked the parade. I'm like a kid myself when it comes to them. But I loved seeing my baby's reaction to it all. The holidays are seen through a child's eyes are simply magic.

It's going to be a fun December.

A tribute to the First Lady of Song

Since the death of Ella Fitzgerald June 15, 1996 I have been planning to write about her and her wonderful music and how it touched my life. I



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

She was watching my favorite channel 15 WJRO-TV a few Saturdays ago and there Ella was singing her heart out on a program titled "Something To Live For."

She was born in Newport News, but she had a hard life as a child. Ella didn't know her father, and her mother died when she was quite young. She went to New York because it is suspected that she was mistreated by her stepfather. Ella lived in Harlem with her aunt, where she met a well-known bandleader named Chuck Webb. He took Ella under his wing — and it was the start of one of the greatest careers in music in recent history.

She was born in Newport News, but she had a hard life as a child.

Life was not easy for Ella. She was black and living in a segregated country. While she was considered the top vocalist in the country, she couldn't even buy a hamburger at a White Tower stand. She laughed about those times and said that she was glad to have paid her dues because it made her understand life better.

That was a strange thing for her to say, but that was Ella and that is why she was so loved by both black and white.

Her most famous song was "A-Tisket A-Tasket." This young girl went on to sing with the top bands of that day — Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey and many, many more.

She sang with Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Perry Como, Mel Tormé and was on one special after another. Of course, there were tours all over the world.

I liked the big bands of the '40s and '50s. To hear Ella sing "Once in a While," "Misty" and any of the Cole Porter, George Gershwin songs was delightful. I especially liked to hear her sing "Stairway to the Stars," but haven't been able to find a CD with that song on it.

Ella made millions, but she gave much of it to her family and for children's causes. She seemed to have a genuine love for all people. She left a legacy of love and beautiful music. Ella said that she hoped that her songs would bring back memories. Yes, they do, Ella. Yes, they do.

This is my long past tribute to the First Lady of Song, Ella Fitzgerald. Welcome to the real world.

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Virginia Beach recycles

As you push your blue 95-gallon recycling cart to the curb this month, please join us in celebrating the second anniversary of Virginia Beach's automated, curbside recycling program! Thanks to an incredible 76 percent participation



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

rate by you, our citizens, the city is able to divert approximately 40,000 tons (20 percent) of material a year from the residential waste stream.

Our curbside recycling program, custom designed by a team of Virginia Beach employees and introduced in 1997, is made possible through a public-private partnership with Tidewater Fibre Corp (TFC). To accommodate Virginia Beach's desire for a commingled, automated program, Tidewater Fibre invested \$8 million to construct a materials handling facility that could accommodate the new program.

A major step forward in technology and a major advantage for our residents allows the recycling materials to be "commingled" — placed inside the container with no separation required. You can mix newspapers, magazines, unwanted mail and cardboard boxes right in with clear, green and brown glass bottles, all plastic bottles and aluminum and tin cans. It's so easy to recycle that Virginia Beach residents are recycling at a rate double and triple that of our Hampton Roads neighbors.

As the largest city in Virginia with a population of 439,889, Virginia Beach earned its reputation as an environmentally conscious community long before recycling became in vogue. We were the first city in the Mid-Atlantic region to provide residents with a fully automated waste collection service in 1986. To help residents properly and conveniently dispose of yard waste, Virginia Beach introduced an innovative yard debris trailer program in 1986. Each year, thousands of volunteers clean 150 miles of Chesapeake Bay shoreline and collect several hundred tons of debris as part of Clean the Bay Day, just one of many environmental clean-ups sponsored by the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission.

In 1988, in an effort to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, Virginia Beach began collecting newspapers at drop-off centers at public schools and participating in a regional curbside recycling service with the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA). While participation in the regional curbside service

was steady, residents expressed concern that the program didn't meet their needs. The service used an 18-gallon bin and materials had to be sorted manually at the curb, which is time and labor intensive.

In 1996, in order to improve quality and service and avoid proposed fee increases, Virginia Beach City Council decided to discontinue the regional service in search of a better way to recycle. Two city teams were formed to develop plans for a program that would be more user-friendly for residents. While discontinuing the regional service was not a popular decision at the time, residents utilized the 50 recycling drop-off centers created to accommodate the materials collected during this period. You waited and watched to see what the city would come up with to replace the previous service. But most importantly, you kept recycling.

When all of the planning and development tasks were in place, the city, in partnership with TFC, began providing curbside recycling to residents every other week on their normal waste collection day.

It's so easy to recycle that Virginia Beach residents are recycling at a rate double and triple that of our Hampton Roads neighbors!

The cost of the Virginia Beach curbside recycling service and collection at approximately 20 drop-off sites amounts to approximately \$4 million annually. In order to keep the costs to a minimum, it was estimated that more than 40,000 tons of the waste stream would be diverted to the recycling system. This has resulted in a savings to Virginia Beach of \$2 million annually in avoided disposal costs.

In addition, the city's Waste Management Division determined it could implement \$800,000 worth of operational reductions. This has reduced the net cost of our recycling program to just \$1 per household per month.

As we mark November as the second anniversary of our fully-automated, commingled, curbside recycling program and celebrate its success, we thank you for your commitment to the recycling effort. We realize that the real accolades go to you, our citizens, for diligently filling your recycling carts and making a well-worn path out to the curb.

Tina DiSalvo Fries of the City Manager's Office, as well as Debbie Devine and Wade Kyle from Waste Management, contributed to this column.

Beach gets 'A' for parent satisfaction

Virginia Beach City Public Schools ranked fourth nationally in reports of parent satisfaction with their children's elementary schools in a recent study conducted by the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The ETS study was based on a survey of 50,000 households in 55 of America's largest cities and surrounding suburbs conducted by the Census Bureau and sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The ETS analyzed this survey — the American Housing Survey — to reach these findings regarding parental perception of elementary schools.

According to ETS, ranking fourth in the study indicates that 91.7 percent of Virginia Beach City Public Schools families are happy with their children's elementary schools. Only Santa Ana (93.5) and Riverside (93.5), California and Tampa (91.9), Florida, elementary schools ranked higher

than those in Virginia Beach. The five cities with the lowest levels of public school satisfaction were Cleveland (65.8 percent), Oakland (68.4 percent), Cincinnati (73.8 percent), Philadelphia (74.3 percent), and Chicago (76.4 percent).

ETS vice president for public leadership Anthony Casale points out that the "findings are both encouraging and discouraging." Between 66 percent and 96 percent of families with children in most surveyed cities were satisfied with their schools, and only a small minority of families with children would move their families elsewhere because of their dissatisfaction.

However, the fact remains that upwards of 16 percent of the households in more than half the cities were dissatisfied. Casale remarks, "It puts the debate over choice, private schools and vouchers in another perspective."

Back Bay gets \$13 million Christmas gift for 2000

Christmas came early to the folks supporting the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge expansion. President Bill Clinton signed the FY'00 budget earlier this week. This budget includes \$11 million for further land acquisition from willing sellers in the Back Bay expansion boundary.

This project has now received a total of \$13.5 million in Congressional funding since 1990. This has allowed the Back Bay Refuge

to be doubled in size since its establishment in 1938. This expansion to the north and west of Back Bay serves to provide a buffer between this critical habitat and the rapid growth in this southeastern portion of Virginia Beach.

Back Bay was one of 30 projects nation wide and the only one in Virginia that received money through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Up close and personal

Jon Cash: Author, meteorologist

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Jon Cash believes everyone is born with a purpose in life. He has two: To accurately forecast the weather — making others' lives easier — and helping people better understand the Second Coming.

"I became a Christian about 11 years ago," said Cash, meteorologist for WAVY-TV's popular morning newscast. "The book of the Bible that fascinated me the most was Revelations. The cataclysmic events, the weather, the meteors — I was like, 'Whoa, this is prophesy.' It's forecast and I'm a forecaster, though I'm a weather forecaster."

As a Christian, Cash believes that it's important to believe the Bible, not write it off as myth.

"The more and more I read it, the more I realized that so many people didn't understand it. It is hard to understand, very symbolic. But it's also literal. The key is knowing when to interpret it literally and when to interpret it symbolically."

Seven years ago Cash received his calling.

"God was calling me to write a book to explain those things, but not a documentary. It had to be something people could get excited over — something where they could read the story and go 'Wow! Something that would make them understand.'"

According to Cash, no one had attempted a book such as his at that point. He took three years to research Revelations, spent 2 1/2 years writing and the remainder of the time editing, rewriting and searching for a publisher.

The result is "The Age of the Antichrist," now in local stores.

Spiritual warfare underlies the tale of a television news anchor more enamored by fame and fortune than God. He becomes entangled in the Antichrist's web of trickery and deceit as the Battle of Armageddon approaches.

"Being a Christian, you know there are angels, but you have to believe there are demons, too," said Cash. "Eighty or 90 percent of Americans believe there are angels, but less than half think there are demons. That's why I ask are there good people? The answer is 'yes.' Are there bad people? The answer is 'oh yes!' Well, it's the same with demons."

Telling the classic tale of good and evil, Cash says he wasn't daunted in his mission to fulfill this calling.

"When God wants us to do something, so many people just say, 'No, it's too hard. I can't do it.' But I know this is something He had me do. And it's important that He's behind me on this book. Without His help it would be a flop."

Fortunately, "The Age of the Antichrist" is far from a flop. The book has already had several printings and is growing in demand. By mid-December there will be 10,000 in print.

All the major book vendors in the area carry Cash's work, and now he's trying to go national. Cash believes it can happen, even without the support of a big-name publisher. In the meantime, he's on a busy schedule of book signings and promotions between his job and family life.

Cash resides in Great Bridge with his wife, Tina, daughter Christina and aptly-named pooch, Stormy.

A "weather nut" since an early age, he said, "I just love weather. I love hurricanes, storms, tornadoes. I don't like to see the damage from them, but I get excited. It pumps me up. I think a lot of people are born with a desire for their future occupation. I know this is what I was called to do from the beginning."

Cash has been employed at WAVY for 10 years. He is a Bible teacher at Atlantic Shores Baptist Church in Virginia Beach and is a first lieutenant for Chesapeake Search and Rescue. He earned his



bachelor's degree in meteorology from State University of New York.

Cash will be signing copies of his book Friday from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Chesapeake Square Bookstore, Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Virginia Beach; Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at Waldenbooks Lynnhaven; and Saturday from 6:30-9 p.m. at Heaven and Earth Greenbrier Mall.

Name: Jon Cash.

What brought you to this area: My job at WAVY-TV 10.

Hometown: Roanoke.

Age: 34.

Occupation: Television meteorologist and author.

Marital Status: Married to Tina for six years.

Children: Christina, 4. She thinks she's 14.

Favorite movies: "The Sound of Music," "Titanic" and "The Ten Commandments."

Magazines I read regularly: Christianity Today.

Favorite authors: Frank Peretti and Tom Clancy.

Favorite night out on the town: Romantic, slow dinner, a movie, getting lost.

Favorite restaurant: Antiquities.

Favorite meal and beverage: Cheeseburger, fries and Dr. Pepper.

What most people don't know about me: I'm one step away from being a

teaching pro — for tennis.

Best thing about myself: My 100-percent accuracy rate forecasting the weather. Ha ha!

Worst habit: I must have chocolate every day. Period!

Pets: Stormy the weather dog.

Hobbies: Storm chasing, tennis and Bible studies.

Ideal vacation: Snowmobiling in Yellowstone in the heart of winter.

Pet peeves: Laziness.

First job: Working in a bread factory all night long.

Least liked job: Working in a bread factory all night long.

Favorite sports teams: Washington Redskins. I won't divorce them, but it's a rocky marriage.

Favorite musicians: Stephen Curtis Chapman.

Most embarrassing moment: I broke an egg in my co-anchor's face on television. It was an accident...promise.

How I would like to be remembered: As a faithful Christian, good husband and father, accurate meteorologist and convincing author.

If I received \$1 million: I've give half to charity and save half.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd talk about the importance of the message in my book.

Beach curbside recycling service best in Va.

Virginia Beach's automated, curbside recycling service was awarded Best Municipal Recycling Program in the state by the Virginia Recycling Association at their annual November conference in Williamsburg.

The program has achieved a 76 percent participation rate among residents, more than double the rate experienced by other Hampton Roads municipalities. The award cited Virginia Beach waste management staff for their "extraordinary work in the development and implementation of an automated, commingled curbside recycling service."

A major step forward in technology and a major advantage for residents allows the recycling materials to be "commingled" — placed in the same container with no separation required. Materials collected in Virginia Beach's 95-gallon recycling carts include newspapers, magazines, unwanted mail, cardboard boxes, cereal and cracker-type boxes, paper grocery bags, telephone books, clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars, all

plastic bottles and aluminum and steel/tin cans.

Virginia Beach's recycling service complements the city's previously existing automated waste collection service and diverts approximately 40,000 tons of material (20 percent) a year from the residential waste stream. The curbside program, custom designed by a team of Virginia Beach employees and first introduced to residents in 1997, is made possible through a

public-private partnership with Tidewater Fibre Corp., one of the largest private recycling and collection companies on the east coast.

To accommodate Virginia Beach's desire for a commingled, automated program, Tidewater Fibre invested \$8 million to construct one of the first single stream, automated Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF) in the United States with a capacity of approximately 60,000 tons per year. What resulted is a unique partner-

ship that has allowed both organization to become leaders in the recycling effort.

Criteria for the Virginia Recycling Association's Best Municipal Recycling Program award includes achievement of a high recycling rate for designated materials and/or the addition of non-designated materials to an existing recycling program and implementation of a comprehensive public education/enforcement effort which contributed toward the recovery of recyclables from residential, institutional or commercial sources.

The Virginia Recycling Association is a professional organization of waste industry professionals, including manufacturers, haulers, processors and government employees who seek to promote recycling in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

During the past year, the Virginia Beach recycling service has received accolades in national industry publications such as *Waste News*, *Waste Age*, *Waste Recovery Report*, *Solid Waste Report* and *PR Reporter*.

Selfless guild has holiday spirit all sewn up



"BEAR-LY" DRESSED. Eleanor Oglesby dresses teddy bears to be given away by the Salvation Army at Christmas.

By Aune Kirk
Correspondent

For those who think home-sewing went out with grandma's flour sacks, think again. It is back and hotter than ever. Just ask the ladies of the American Sewing Guild.

"It is a huge industry," said Nancy Powers, president of the Hampton Roads Southeastern Virginia Chapter. "We do fun things and I think it's more appealing than ever. My grandmother would be in awe of what we are able to do today."

For example, computers are now widely used for everything from sharing information and coordinating events, to programming sewing machines and ordering materials.

An annual gathering such as the local Christmas party was largely organized by computer. All members who have computers were notified via e-mail and volunteers emerged out of several local chapters to coordinate different parts of the evening. Those who planned to attend confirmed either by phone or by e-mail, and a total of 93 ladies showed up from both the Southside and Peninsula.

Sewing "bees" have changed too. Upon arriving at the chosen location for the Christmas party, Baygood Methodist Church, the ladies found each table brightly decorated with candles and large, brightly wrapped Christmas packages. Off to the side, the ladies lay items from their own sewing collections. Items such as left over fabric, but-



ALL DOLLED UP. Maria Ramirez, 11, from Virginia Beach attended the sewing guild gathering with friend Cathy Goodman, who makes 42" handpainted dolls.

tons, patterns, trim, etc.

The items were reasonably priced for a silent auction, and all the proceeds went to breast cancer research or "Sew For The Cure." Last year the group raised \$500. Nationwide the guild raised \$20,000.

Another table held bears the ladies had dressed for the Salvation Army to give as Christmas presents. So far, the ladies on the Southside have dressed 42 dozen, the ladies on Peninsula 200.

In addition, each lady brought a potluck dish, and spread a Christmas buffet fit for royalty. Then just as the ladies were finishing their dessert, Elvis arrived. That's right, Elvis. He rocked, jiggled and wiggled all over the place, and sang everything from "Hunk of Burning Love" to "Blue Christmas."

The ladies, who ranged from in ages from 11 to 80, were delighted. Eyes shone, toes tapped, hands clapped and everyone laughed. Elvis was really Charles Dunn from York County. His mother, Rose, made his white jump suit and he added the colorful embellishments.

The next part of the evening was a fashion show.

"The Sew and Tell is what people really come for," explained Carol Aitken.

For about an hour, the ladies modeled and demonstrated their own creations that included all types of fashions: a faux fur purse, a multi-colored mohair coat, a white wool wrap-around cape, children's clothes, monogrammed wedding clothes and accessories, evening wear, a blue wool suit with a built-in slip lining like Jackie Kennedy used to wear, sassy pants suits, everyday wear including a pair of nice black slacks that cost about \$2 made with material found at a garage sale, dolls and stuffed animals.

Many of the ladies had attended special classes or workshops to make their items, such as a group who attended a class on how to make coats out of sweatshirt material.

Susan Blackmoor, from Portsmouth, modeled a black lace dress that she made on a modified 1929 treadle sewing machine. Blackmoor is new to the group and excited about meeting fellow seamstresses.

"I'm so impressed with all I've seen so far," she said. "I think I like the artistry of it best."

Powers agreed. At one time, it was a financially wise and necessary to sew, but that too has

changed with time.

"Women in the baby boom generation wanted to buy everything," Powers explained. "They wanted new clothes after the war. But we no longer have to sew to save money. We sew to have a creative outlet, especially if we want something no one else has."

Powers said today's sewers still love to shop. Those trips can take them to New York City where they also catch a Broadway show. Or they may go to G Street in Rockville, Md., where there is a huge selection of sewing machine patterns, discounts and classes in just about everything.

There is also a national convention that about 700 sewers from all across the country attend, and wherever a member travels she brings back new and innovative ideas to share.

The group is also community-oriented. Projects it's involved with include:

■ Sewing preemie shirts and knitted caps for local hospital nurseries. Each hospital received 60 to 70 items.

■ Angel gowns are made in three sizes for babies who pass away.

■ Making surgery teddies for Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughter for children to take into surgery with them. These tiny teddies are even popular with teens.

■ Sewing clothes for orphans of the Ukraine. More than 300,000 children in the Ukraine are orphaned because of abandonment or birth defects. The ladies recently sent 186 items, included much needed diapers to the children.

■ Recently sewed lap quilts for elderly Franklin flood victims.

The American Sewing Guild, Inc. is a non-profit, educational organization open to anyone, regardless of skill level. Nationally, there are over 100 chapters and 20,000 members. The local chapter has about 200 members with several neighborhood groups varying in size. Meetings are held once a month and many benefits are available.

For more information call Alby Halsey, 482-2328.



BLUE CHRISTMAS. Elvis impersonator Charles Dunn highlighted the sewing guild's holiday season by singing - what else - "Teddy Bear" to a teddy bear.

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HOLIDAY SPECTACLE. The Regent University players put a new spin on holiday drama. Steven Broyles portrays Ringo, and Shannon Frost is Cotton in the current production.

Regent stages 'Clown of God' through 12th

The Regent University Theatre presents "The Clown of God," directed by Winifred Coleman, through Dec. 12.

"The Clown of God," a new Christmas tradition that audiences are sure to love, is based on the Italian medieval tale of a young court entertainer named Jug who discovers the true meaning of Christmas. Surrounding him are comical characters and evil antagonists who plot to thwart all of Jug's adventures. This new musical will enchant audiences, including family members of all ages, with its incredible amounts of gymnastic and physical comedy, including juggling, acrobatics and magic.

Written and directed by Hampton Roads residents Winifred Coleman, "The Clown of God's" musical score is written by

Williamsburg native Patrick Purcell. This collaborative work will soon be featured in venues across the country.

Performances are Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. and 11-12 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for senior citizens over 60, children and students. Group rates are available. To make your reservations call, 226-4245.

Season subscriptions are now only \$20 each. If you would like to purchase one, you may contact the theatre office at 226-4223.

The Regent University Theatre is located on Indian River Road at exit 286B off Interstate 64. For more information contact the Regent University Theatre office, 226-4223 or Joleen Neighbours Miller, Regent University Theatre manager, 226-4298.

Thoroughgood House welcomes a 'cool yule' with burning of log

By Aune Kirk
Correspondent

A handful of Virginia Beach residents joined folks at the Adam Thoroughgood House on Sunday as they officially ushered in the Christmas holidays with the lighting of the yule log.

Cut from a tree downed during the recent hurricane, the yule log was carried in a festive procession to a designated spot in yard lit only by candlelight. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf used a candle to ignite the flame.

Participants then toasted the holiday with cups of hot apple cider and tossed sprigs of holly onto the fire as they made a special wish.

According to Vicki Harvey, museum education director, the celebration is typical of 17th-century homes in America and a tradition adopted from the British.

"Christmas lasted 12 days then," she said. "It officially began on Christmas Eve with the lighting of yule log and ended on the sixth of January."

The celebration began with members of a family going out to find the biggest tree they could find and cutting a large section from it. The log was then decorated with evergreen and brought into the house. The log would be kept burning the entire 12 days.

"It was usually the job of the youngest child to keep the fire burning," Harvey said.

After the yule log was lit, the flame was used to light the candles one-by-one in the windows and around the home.

Christmas was a time of great rejoicing, Harvey said. After the lighting of the Yule log, the families attended church on Christmas Day. Friends and neighbors often dropped by during the season for a visit and enjoyed a cup Wassail, a sweet, fruity hot wine drink, or a cup of spiced cider.

The home was decorated with fresh evergreen, holly, mistletoe, berries and pine cones. Fresh fruit and nuts were also used for edible decorations.

The celebration ended on Twelfth Night with a huge bonfire where all the greens were burned. Folks danced and toasted the new year. A charred piece of the log was kept to start the fire the next year, so the cycle would continue.



LIGHTING THE LOG. The Adam Thoroughgood House in Virginia Beach hosted the 17th-century-style lighting of the yule log during festivities last weekend.

At the Yule Log lighting on Sunday, the Princess Anne Madrigals sang traditional Christmas carols and the Flying Bark Morris Dancers from Newport News demonstrated English folk dancing.

Costumed guides also visitors took on a candlelight tour of the Thoroughgood house that was built in 1680. Although the fire was lit outside, the candles and decorations made the home seem warm and cheery.

A large holly and mistletoe ball hung from the ceiling just as visitors entered the front door. It was called a kissing ball and couple were urged to share a special kiss under the ball.

However, the holly ball was not traditionally a kissing ball, it was to change the attitude of one entering the home so he or she would leave bad spirits outside.

"I wish I could take it with me to City Council," Oberndorf said.

The greens had another significance. The holly was to symbolize male and ivy female fertility. Mistletoe was even hung around the cows neck to ensure calving in the spring.



CLASSIC DECORATIONS. Colonists used native plants and foods to decorate during the 12 days of Christmas.

Guides said fresh herbs such as mint often lay on the floor so the odor would fill the house as it was crushed under peoples' feet. But, on Sundays celebration, the aroma of spice filled the air in the old house from orange halves that were hollowed out and filled with cloves.

The house will be decorated and

open during this holiday season, and the public is invited to celebrate Twelfth Night at The Francis Land House. Greens will be burned and there will be drama, singing, dancing and refreshments.

For more information on times and dates call, 431-4007

Beach boxers in 2000 USA Va. championships

Virginia Beach amateur boxer Byron Shorter recently won the gold medal in the novice heavyweight class in the 2000 USA Virginia Boxing Championships held in Norfolk. The 21-year-old defeated Hector Rosario and Kenny Hudson by knock-out during the two-day event.

Nelson Lebron of Virginia Beach lost a close decision to Vanziro

Johnson of Alexandria to win a silver medal in the 132-pound class.

Jon Brunn, a 16-year-old student at Kempsville School, won the Junior Olympic light-heavyweight championship by walk over. He represents the Eastside Boxing Club of Norfolk under the direction of John Todd.

All boxers listed trained at the Eastside Boxing Club in Norfolk.



Byron Shorter



Jon Brunn

Support group forming for headache/migraine sufferer

Headache/migraine sufferers are invited to attend the organizational meeting for a support group.

The purpose of the meeting is to establish interest in having a support group and to determine what information is to be presented at the meetings. The support group is to provide an atmosphere where sufferers and their families and friends can share their experiences and receive literature and educational materials to better understand their condition. This is a combined partnership of Bon Secour DePaul Medical Center and The National Headache Foundation. Information

will also be available on a migraine study that is currently being conducted.

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic High School on 4552 Princess Anne Rd., Virginia Beach. The topic will be "Coping Skills for the Headache Sufferer." The other meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Catholic High School.

To register and for information contact John Carvalho, Bon Secours representative, 721-7781, or Lynn Valos, coordinator, 546-8998.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa breakfast fundraiser slated to help squad

The Chesapeake Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad will sponsor breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon at Waffletown Restaurant at the corner of Shore Drive and Pleasure House Road.

Children will be able to purchase a Santa breakfast for \$5, which includes a child-size scrambled egg or pancake breakfast, drink, a picture with Santa and a small gift. Those who do not wish to purchase a "Santa Breakfast" may get a picture with Santa and a small gift for only \$2. Reservations are not needed.

All proceeds from the breakfast go to the rescue squad. The money will be used to help fund the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the one that was totaled on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge last Christmas eve while responding to a call.

For more information you call, 318-6014, or Waffletown Restaurant, 460-2460.

Windsor Oaks sends 'Season's Greetings'

Windsor Oaks Elementary School, 3800 Van Buren Dr., will present a special holiday program called "Season's Greetings" on Monday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. The fourth and fifth grade chorus and the first grade classes will be performing. Several adults will also be performing including our principal, John Mirra.

The Tone Chimes will present a special holiday music program at Sentara Nursing Home. The date has not yet been determined.

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Opposition surfaces against hate crime law; SPSA discussed

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

In its legislative package Tuesday City Council endorsed a request to include sexual orientation in the state's hate-crime law after a Virginia Beach citizen asked that the amendment be deleted.

A group from Virginians for Justice, a gay and lesbian lobbying organization, applauded council's vote, which was unanimous.

Also included in the package was a request, introduced earlier at a council work session, to continue the Southeastern Virginia Public Service Authority (SPSA) beyond its 50-year authority, which ends in 2023.

Nancy Timmons said that council should not endorse hate crime legislation because it includes certain classes of citizens to the exclusion of others. She said that the designation of a hate crime was an attempt to measure something not specific and very subjective and would lead to thought control and speech control. This type of law puts the First Amendment in danger, she said.

In answer to a question from Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, Timmons said that she was opposed to such legislation across the line, whether it affected sexual orientation, race or any other specific group.

The package will be presented to the 2000 General Assembly for consideration.

At a council workshop Tuesday when Michael Barrett, council's representative on the SPSA board of directors, recommended support of SPSA's extension, council members agreed to consider a resolution to that effect and to include the request in its legislative package.

Barrett told council that continuing the regional organization would provide flexibility for SPSA to be able to make long-term loans, say for 20 years, rather than five year loans, in case SPSA needs to make improvements. Otherwise, Barrett said, there is a danger that the tipping fees would go up.

SPSA's ash and residue contract with Virginia Beach expires on Dec. 31, 2015 and SPSA's contracts with the member communities expires on Jan. 24, 2018.

"That may seem like a long way off, but as we discussed, when an organization has a fixed time frame, that can affect the way that organization operates even now."

Michael Barrett
Council/SPSA liaison

Under state law SPSA's life ends on Jan. 24, 2023 if not extended as provided by law.

Barrett said, "That may seem like a long way off, but as we discussed, when an organization has a fixed time frame, that can affect the way that organization operates even now. Also, most of the member jurisdictions indicated they want to preserve at least the opportunity to continue with the partnership created through SPSA."

Barrett said that the board has established a committee to consider the issue and that he is a member of that committee. He said that recommendations will be made to the board as early as July or August.

Barrett noted that Virginia Beach's participation in SPSA is different from that of other member jurisdictions and is governed by a special set of rules and that the city has an alternative to participation in SPSA. However, the city would not be opposed to the continuation of the SPSA alternative and therefore it is in the city's interest to work within SPSA to ensure that it can provide the best and most economical service available.

Barrett said the Virginia Beach is not obligated for the debt of SPSA other than its contractual relationship.

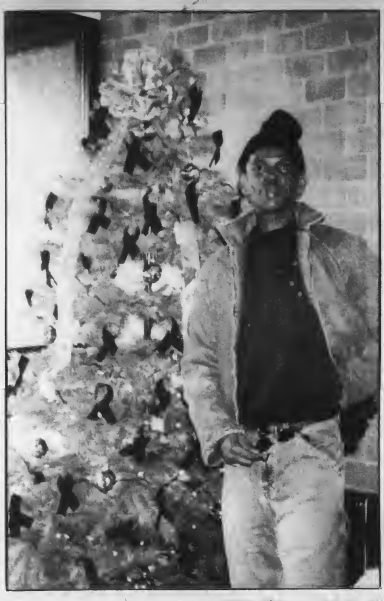
He said SPSA will not include improvements beyond 2010 unless the communities want it.



Photo by Margaret Wierday

Lights of love shine for World AIDS Day

A Christmas tree in on display in the Virginia Beach Health Department lobby to commemorate all the victims of HIV and AIDS. World AIDS Day was observed Dec. 1. All decorations were made by volunteers, and 77 red ribbons were tied on to remember the 77 new cases of AIDS diagnosed in the Beach in 1999. The gold balls represent those who died from the disease. One victim thanked the health department for their support by saying, "They gave me a new life." Volunteer Lynwood Mayes III, right photo, was given the honor of lighting the tree.



Excess land sale postponed for info

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council has deferred its decision on whether to sell excess property near Lake Trashmore Park until next week to find out whether the sale would encroach on the park.

Kathryn Byler-Clark had asked to purchase the property, valued at \$25,000, that is adjacent to her property at 522 South Independence Boulevard.

She said the land is needed to construct an office building on her adjacent property where she does

not have enough land to construct the building.

She said the property is approximately a half acre.

She said that there is no way to get to the property which is of no value except to adjoining property owners. Councilwoman Reba McClanahan moved to defer the request until next Tuesday. She said if the property is part of Mt. Trashmore she would not be in favor of the sale.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure said she wanted to know the exact dimensions of the property.

Tie vote defeats car sales, service request

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

A 5-5 vote by City Council Tuesday defeated the application of Hog-Post L.L.C. for a conditional use permit for motor vehicle sales, service and truck rentals on the east side of First Colonial Road north of Virginia Beach Boulevard.

The property contains 41,774 square feet.

Voting against the application were councilmembers W.W. Harrison Jr., Barbara Henley, Reba McClanahan and Nancy Parker and Mayor Meyera Oberndorf. Voting for the application were councilmembers Don Weeks, Harold Heischouer, Margaret Eure, Linwood O. Branch III and Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. Councilman Louis R. Jones was absent.

Most of the concern expressed was locating that type of business on highly visible First Colonial

Road.

Bruce Gallup, who said that he and his mother own property nearby which they hoped to lease, said that the requested use was not the best use for the property. He said that he would prefer a Hilltop development on First Colonial Road.

William Garrington, attorney representing the applicant, said there would be traffic in that area without this use. He said the property has been zoned B-2 business for many years.

The motion for approval had been based on a review on the car sales in one year.

Branch said that there has been discussion about the direction this area should take, but that he did not know that developers could make this happen. "If it were my property, I'd be very confused about what the city wants," he said.

By Elaine Tarello

SINAI, Egypt — When most people think of Christmas, thoughts of decorated trees and mistletoe, turkey dinners and shiny packaged gifts may come to mind. When the son of local area residents thinks of Christmas, he pictures himself serving guard duty in a tower 3,000 feet above the Red Sea.

James Howard, an Army private first class and son of John Howard, Virginia Beach, and Nancy Howard, Norfolk, is serving in the Sinai as part of a larger peacekeeping force made up of military personnel from 11 different nations. The Multinational Force and Observers was created in 1982 to ensure the continuation of peace between Israel and Egypt, a peace reached after more

than 50 years of war. Working together, the soldiers' mission is to observe and report any treaty violations.

The multinational force is divided into two main camps, a detachment of coastal patrol vessels, an engineering unit and 30 observation posts scattered throughout the vast sand dunes, mountain peaks and Red Sea shores of the Sinai, a desert peninsula straddling the Asian and African continents.

Howard is helping to ensure the peace in this once-hostile land as an outpost guard. "I observe and report Egyptian and Israeli movements in and around the Sinai peninsula," he said.

Thousands of miles away from home, frequently isolated from any

outside contact, the soldiers face a myriad of challenges. "The routine gets to be sometimes," said Howard, a 1994 Salem High School graduate. "We're in the middle of nowhere, and our close proximity to each other can be trying. Here, a unit either gets tight or blows up. Luckily, our leaders keep us busy with training."

A land of ancient history, all three of the West's religious traditions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — know Sinai as a holy land. According to the Old Testament, Moses and the Israelites wandered for 40 years through the desert here.

"Being here has been a great experience, particularly when I have a chance to interact with other people," Howard said. "My unit and I recently played a water polo game with some men from the Fijian contingent. Despite the language barrier, we all had a great time and everyone walked away smiling and laughing."

In a land characterized by vicious sand storms and scalding temperatures, the soldiers are constantly at odds with their surroundings. Essential supplies like food and water are delivered over treacherous, winding roads and abandoned anti-tank minefields lie in wait just under the surface of the shifting sand.

Despite these hazards, the mission for the more than 800 American soldiers continues — even during the holidays. Christmas will be just another day of work for Howard and the other MFO soldiers, with the exception of a special dinner, and perhaps, a small tree.

"I would particularly like to be stateside for the new millennium. But, I'm used to being away from home for extended periods so I'll make it through the holidays," Howard said.

For most people, Christmas morning will be a time of joyful anticipation. For these Americans, far from home, family and friends, Christmas morning will be just another duty day.



ON THE JOB. Virginia Beach's Army Pfc. James Howard, an outpost guard, scans the horizon for any potential treaty violations. Howard is a member of the Multinational Force and Observers, an 11-nation peacekeeping force stationed in Hawaii.

Council buys property for Pavilion

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council has agreed to purchase 3,612 acres of property immediately adjacent to the Pavilion for \$1.885 million from Gibson Equipment Company owned by Jack Gibson.

The city believes the property is critical to the present and future viability of the convention center.

The Cracker Barrel restaurant chain had offered to purchase the site but City Manager James K. Spore reported that the property should be controlled by the city.

Financing will come from the tourism growth investment special revenue fund.

The property, located between the Pavilion and Parks Avenue, is considered by the staff as essential to the expansion of the Pavilion.

Currently 83 percent of the occupancy at the Pavilion is for events and programs for the local and regional population.

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would remain as it is today, one lane each direction with a south-bound trolley lane.

Alternative three consists of two vehicular lanes of traffic at Atlantic Avenue flowing one-way northbound on the north side of 21st Street up to 42nd Street and one way southbound on the south side of 21st Street south to 9th Street (Norfolk Avenue). The traffic flow on Pacific remains two way. The trolley operates as it does today, both northbound and southbound on Atlantic Avenue. This alternative also incorporates some intersection improvements to Pacific Avenue to account for the change in traffic patterns resulting from the "fountainhead" traffic flow on Atlantic Avenue.

The fourth alternative converts Atlantic Avenue to one-way north from 9th Street to 42nd Street and Pacific Avenue to one-way south from 31st to 9th Street. Two or three vehicular lanes in each direction are proposed. A study to determine the required capacity is currently underway. If two lanes are used, additional sidewalk/green-space area would be used to provide more area for pedestrians.

The trolley runs along both streets in a designated lane opposite vehicular traffic (southbound on Atlantic Avenue and northbound on Pacific Avenue). Both Atlantic and Pacific Avenues will be two-way south of 9th Street (Norfolk Avenue). Pacific Avenue will remain two-way north of 31st Street (Larkin Road).

In one plan where the trolleys would operate in opposite directions from the traffic, there might be some confusion, councilwoman Barbara Henley said.

Under a rating system which, said Block, did not weigh the objectives, the first alternative came out on top.

Councilman Linwood Branch III said he did not believe changes could be implemented for next season. He said that one way streets were tried about 10 years ago with no success.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that she had received complaints that the trolley lanes interfere with people accessing Ocean Condominiums. "We need to learn from people so we don't make mistakes," she said.

Revenue

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tion in excess of council policy after reservations for school and city capital projects appropriated for fiscal 1999-2000 and other required reservations.

The balance represents 10.7 percent of revenues, a lower amount than the city has maintained for many years, but reflects council's decision to use part of the balance to fund needed capital projects. It also recognizes that a higher balance is no longer necessary due to the successful completion of Lake Gaston.

Total revenues for the Tourism Growth Investment Fund (TGIF) were actually lower in 1999 than in 1998, \$10.6 million compared to \$11.1 million. The fund is financed by a two cent tax on hotel rooms, a half cent tax on meals and a 10.5 cent tax on amusements.

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Center puts adults in 'zone' for creativity

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For more information, call 423-1111.

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Hours of work: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Individual will not be needed on a daily basis. Schedule will vary. It is understood by our department that it will probably take at least two individuals to cover a full work day.

Requirements: Individual should have excellent phone etiquette and possess a professional appearance; clearly communicates information.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE
429 Southgate Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Daniel Lee Frank and Lisa R. Frank dated July 18, 1985 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2427, page 1108, securing a loan which was originally \$58,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot "H", Block 2, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Argona Village, Section Thirteen, Princess Anne County,

Virginia", Tax Map #1467-97-2032.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1141 Old Clubhouse
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas D. Bacho and Jacqueline Bacho dated June 8, 1987 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2640, page 1815, securing a loan which was originally \$53,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Scarborough Square, Section Four A 2, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1496-10-6815-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1429 Lake Christopher Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Richard J. Hague and Wendy C. Hague dated March 11, 1983 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2245, page 1796, securing a loan which was originally \$118,450.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 2, Block A as shown on that certain plat entitled "PLAT OF LAKE CHRISTOPHER SUBDIVISION, PHASE FIVE-B, KEMPSPVILLE BOROUGH, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA". Tax Map #1465-46-8665-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to

all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$11,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
3196 SACRAMENTO DRIVE
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

In execution of a deed of trust (the "Deed of Trust") from the Grantors, David L. Williams and Valerie H. Williams, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, (the "Clerk's Office"), at the Deed Book 3832 and Page 256, default having been made under the terms of the Deed of Trust, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction at One Columbus Center, Suite 1100, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462-6765, on December 17, 1999 at 9:30 a.m., the following described real property:

ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, situate, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and being known, numbered and designated as Lot 122, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "SUBDIVISION OF PARCEL 2C-2, COURTHOUSE ESTATES, PHASE 3, SECTION H, APRIL 24, 1996, PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA", which said plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia in Map Book 257, at pages 24 through 29, inclusive.

IT BEING the same property conveyed to DAVID L. WILLIAMS and VALERIE H. WILLIAMS, husband and wife by deed from Affordable Homes, Inc., a Virginia corporation recorded January 9, 1998 in Deed Book 3832 at page 254.

The sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate.

Terms: Cash Settlement within 10 days of sale. A bidder's deposit not to exceed \$100.00 may be required.

Leslie R. Watson
Substitute Trustee
For Information Contact:
Leslie R. Watson
Wolcott, Rivers, Wheary,
Basnight & Kelly, P.C.
One Columbus Center, Suite 1100
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
(757) 497-6633

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., Petitioner vs.

SENEGAL SENGHOR, individually; BETTY CARRINGTON, individually; LEON T. CARRINGTON, SR., individually; GLORIA WYNN, individually; RONALD LEON BAGBY, individually; ALBERT C. CARRINGTON, III, individually; LEGRAND BAGBY, individually; RONALD P. SIMMONS, individually; FRANKLIN FREEMAN, individually; JOHN W. CARRINGTON, JR., individually; JAMES BAGBY, individually; Address Unknown

Any and All unknown heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, successors and assigns of James Bagby, parties in possession, and Unknown Parties, Respondents.

Chancery No. CH99-2796

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of the above styled suit is for declaratory relief, to quiet title to real property, for the sale of real property of a person under a disability, and for partition, all pertaining to 11.49 acres of un-

developed real property located on the South side of Mapleton-Lynnhaven Road near the intersection with Magic Hollow Boulevard in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, all as more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed in the captioned proceedings.

AND IT APPEARING by Affidavit of WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., filed in accordance with the provisions of Va. Code §8.01-316 (1950, as amended) that the following Respondent, JAMES BAGBY, cannot be located, and that there may be PARTIES UNKNOWN, of unknown residence, who may claim an interest in the subject real property as the heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, descendants, successors and/or assigns of James Bagby; and, there may be PARTIES UNKNOWN, who are tenants, claimants, or others who may claim an interest in and to the subject real property, it is therefore,

ORDERED, that the said JAMES BAGBY, and any and all HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS of JAMES BAGBY, any and all PARTIES IN POSSESSION of the Property or claiming any right, title, or interest of any kind in and to the Property, and ALL PARTIES UNKNOWN do appear at or before a hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on January 7, 2000, in the Circuit Court of Virginia Beach, located at 2305 Judicial Boulevard, The Judicial Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9002, and take appropriate action to establish his or her interest in the subject real estate and do what is necessary to protect his or her interest in this matter, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper published and in general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Upon completion of such publication, the Clerk is directed to file a Certificate in these proceedings, certifying that the requirements of Va. Code §8.01-317 have been complied with.

Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Circuit Court Judge
Date: 11/8/99

Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody, J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

Neal P. Brodsky, Esq. (VSB #29057)

L.B. Cann, III, Esq.
Counsel for Petitioner
LeClair Ryan, P.C.
999 Waterside Drive, Suite 2025
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
(757) 624-1454

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412-24

Public Notice

VIRGINIA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner v.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, an unincorporated association, 875 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, an unincorporated association, Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and

ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (SAID UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BEING "PARTIES UNKNOWN"), Respondents

IN CHANCERY NUMBER CH99-3727

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The above-captioned matter seeks the removal, as provided by law, of the remains interred on certain real property owned by the Petitioner, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and adjacent to the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church which property is more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed by the Petitioner. It is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that all Respondents and other parties known and unknown who may have an interest in this matter shall appear and protect their interests at 9:30 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginian-Pilot or the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999.

Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.

Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
201 South Fir Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Nancy Y. Bedford aka Nancy Yvonne Gill dated January 22, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3840, page 1439, securing a loan which was originally \$1,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 8, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Southern Firs, Section Two, Kempsville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1477-82-6222-000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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212-10

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
3513 Daffodi Crescent
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Khadija Cummins dated June 14, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3230, page 92 and recorded in Deed Book 3399, page 533, securing a loan which was originally \$7,900.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 27, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Plat of Green Run P.U.D. Subdivision Section L-3, Part 2, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1486-70-1005-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,200.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
340 Taldan Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael W. Aldridge and Narsene Aldridge dated December 23, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3693, page 11, securing a loan which was originally \$91,820.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot N, in Block 64, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Argona Village, Section 11", Tax Map #1477-26-1316.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee

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751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
340 Taldan Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael W. Aldridge and Narsene Aldridge dated December 23, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3693, page 11, securing a loan which was originally \$91,820.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 17, 1999 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot N, in Block 64, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Argona Village, Section 11", Tax Map #1477-26-1316.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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212-10

Public Notice

VIRGINIA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

JLR ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., Petitioner, v.

ELIZABETH G. LAUGHORN, and her unknown heirs, Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NO.: CH99-3728

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
To: Elizabeth G. Laughorn, Address Unknown. Unknown heirs of Elizabeth G. Laughorn, Parties and Addressees Unknown.

The object of this suit is to quiet title to and establish title by adverse possession in JLR Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, to an interest in certain parcels of land known as Lots 20 and 21, as shown on that certain plat of the East Norfolk Realty and Industrial Corporation, which plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office") in Map Book 4, at page 191, which interest was conveyed to Elizabeth G. Laughorn by deed of W.H. Morrison and Mary M. Morrison, dated March 1, 1915, recorded in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 109, page 68.

An affidavit having been made and signed that the address for Elizabeth G. Laughorn is unknown and that there may be unknown heirs of Elizabeth G. Laughorn whose names and post office addresses are also unknown, it is hereby ORDERED, that each of said parties appear on or before January 12, 2000, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

Karen Vassardis
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach

I ask for this:

D. Scott Seery, Esq.
Jennifer L. Hawkins, Esquire
Faggett & Frieden, P.C.
1435 Crossways Boulevard,
Suite 200
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320
(757) 424-3232

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Americorps volunteers hit the trail at First Landing

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The First Landing project begins the tour of duty for this team, comprised of nine women and four men. Some team members are recent college graduates, others are pursuing pre-college adventures.

As she smoothed over the pile of gravel she had just deposited onto the trail, 22-year-old Jerissa Sadler noted that she decided to enter Americorps to give herself a break from academia before entering law school, while continuing her education by seeing new areas of the country and taking on tasks ranging from clearing trails in the

woods to tutoring inner-city students.

Also anxious to avail herself of opportunities to serve and travel, 20-year-old Christie Byrne indicated that she joined Americorps to help prepare her for college and a career in teaching.

On the way to achieving their personal goals, team is making a significant impact here in Hampton Roads. The group will have contributed three thousand hours of work over the course of their seven-week visit, according to Virginia's department of Conservation and Recreation. The team has already made dramatic improvements to the once nearly impassable Cape

Henry and the White Hill Lake Trails.

Park ranger Ed Sellers, who supervises the team, administered a baptism by fire at the project's outset, training each team member to use chainsaws and tractors, and to maneuver vehicles through the rough, often narrow trails.

"The team is doing work that is crucial to keeping the park enjoyable and safe."

"Clearing these trails is something that really needed to be done, and we just didn't have the manpower to do it," Sellers noted. "They've enabled us to go beyond just clearing the trails. We're putting them back to the way they should be."

Restoring the White Hill Lake Trail has been especially important, as it is the park's fire route, and provides the only vehicular access to the remote regions of the park, according to Sellers.

Visitor services specialist Kathy Thumm noted that the team is very well-organized. Other park officials have expressed their appreciation for the team's hard work and ability to work so well together.

"I'd love to have them longer. They're a wonderful group," commented First Landing park ranger Ernie Johnson.

Even after a long week of clearing trails, there is little idle time with this bunch. In addition to the First Landing Project the group also volunteered time stuffing Thanksgiving baskets for Volunteer Hampton Roads to distribute at a Women and Children's shelter.

Team member Katie Little also serves the team as the service learning coordinator. She works to avail the group of opportunities to further serve the communities they visit, and to take advantage the communities' historical, cultural and educational resources.

They have visited the Virginia Marine and Science Museum and are planning a trip to Historic Williamsburg and Jamestown.

When the team has completed the First Landing project, they will return to Washington, D.C. to brief their supervisors on the project. They will then learn what and where their next assignment will be, then return to their respective hometowns for a short Christmas break.



Photo by Colleen Holmes

MAKING HAPPY TRAILS. Members of the Americorps NCCC team, smooth gravel in their effort to refurbish the White Hill Lake Trail at First Landing State Park.



Photos by Victoria Hertz

ALL FIRED UP. Youths from Virginia Beach are enthralled by a juggler tossing flaming batons at the Spaghetti Warehouse.

Spaghetti smiles

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balloons. Santa arrived to spread cheer, while U.S. Marines distributed gifts through the Toys for Tots program.

For many of the children attending the event, Christmas will be slim this year.

Bob Duzezy, Spaghetti Warehouse manager, explained while his restaurant opens to the children each year.

"There are two reasons we do this. It gives you the opportunity to put into practice all those lofty ideals about how we should act. And every kid deserves to have a good Christmas," he noted.

Kayla Hornberg from Portsmouth, 5, snuggled on the shoulder of Deputy P.A. Ewing after a busy morning at the Wal-Mart.

"I got a Barbie doll and a baby doll," the dream-eyed youth smiled.

"I've had Kayla and Kasey (Kayla's sister) all morning," said Ewing, sounding just a little tired. "It was a fun experience, but it's kind of hard to shop with sisters. One sees something and the other wants it!"

It was Ewing's fifth year participating in the Law Enforcement Association's Shop With A Cop event.

After their long morning in the store, the children were ready to settle down for a hearty meal. Greeting them in the Spaghetti Warehouse parking lot was the Virginia Beach Fire Department Monster Fire Truck, the Old James River Jazz Band, Phillip the Clown, and a juggler throwing ignited batons.

Once inside the restaurant, local Marines clad in their dress blues greeted the youths before entering the balloon-decked dining room. Later, the Marines would be pressed into "service" to serve the steaming platters of spaghetti.

Adults were having as much fun as the children.

"This is my first time and it's really nice," said Joy Gregoire, who brought 40 children from the Armed Forces YMCA in Virginia Beach. "The kids are having a great time. Let's face it, give a kid spaghetti and he's happy."

Jordan Emrich's face was beaming with anticipation.

"Santa's going to be here," the 5-year-old from Virginia Beach smiled.

Brother Justin Emrich, 7, was also hopeful.

"We're getting spaghetti! And we get popcorn, too. I like popcorn."

The event brought together several community organizations. Participating were the Norfolk and Portsmouth Sheriff's Offices, Virginia Beach Police Athletic League, Armed Services YMCA, Army Youth Service, Norfolk Head Start, East Ocean View Baptist Church, Weekday Ministries and the ODU Community Relations Office.

"I think it's wonderful that we can bring all these organizations together and celebrate in one location," said Virginia Beach Police Officer Cassandre Whited. "It's a special occasion and gets kids out of the house."

USMC Maj. Joe Richards added, "The question that was asked of me two weeks ago was, 'What makes this program so successful?' The answer is we've got great people doing great things for great organizations. It's phenomenal."



SMILE! Mayor Meyers Oberndorf flashes a grin while interacting with youths during the Spaghetti Warehouse event.



SERVING IT UP! U.S. Marines serve steaming trays of spaghetti to Portsmouth youths.

The Virginia Beach Sun

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Town Center takes another step toward becoming a reality

Council gives endorsement with 9-1 vote

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Up until now the Town Center of Virginia Beach, previously thought of as the "downtown" of Virginia Beach, and before that just the Pembroke area and the central business district, was just an idea businessmen have been talking up for almost 20 years.

With the endorsement of a resolution by City Council Tuesday by a 9-1 vote, however, the idea moved closer to reality. Councilman Don Weeks voted against the resolution because, he said, there are better uses for tax dollars. Councilman W. W. Harrison Jr. abstained because his law firm represents Armada/Hoffler.

It was a small step — the resolution was a non-binding resolution of understanding, wordage that made council members more comfortable about adopting the resolution. But to some citizens, specifically those in the Citizens Action

Coalition, it seemed more like a giant step. The rationale is that it would be difficult to extricate the city from the agreement, non-binding or not.

The agreement, will allow between the city and the Armada/Hoffler Development Company, will allow the city

not building a downtown; we're doing a town center project" — the project will be built in three phases on a 16-acre site.

For the first two phases, the city investment will be \$45.4 million and the private investment \$122 million.

The city's share will come from tax in-

cause the ideas and concepts have been out there 10 or 15 years and that it was not until this point that opposition surfaced from the public. If the public did not support the concept it should have "let us know 10 years ago."

She said it was not right to have staff spend all this time on a project to which the public gives no support. She said she would like to hear feedback. "Are we going in the wrong direction?"

Councilman Louis R. Jones said his concern was that there is still plenty of opportunity on public input on the project.

"We're at a point where if we don't take action on this resolution, we basically will kill the project. I hate to do that when we still have the opportunity for public input. What we're doing is keeping open the opportunity to have this project." He said there will be more detail and the public ought to see it. He said if council did not pass the resolution Tuesday, the center could be killed because of contractual obligations. The final contract, he pointed out, will have to come back to council for approval.

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Red Cross helpers

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers. Bloodmobile volunteers are urgently needed and no experience is needed. Drivers are needed to transport blood from bloodmobiles for processing. Special events include groups of volunteers to assist with Holiday Helpers at Lynnhaven Mall, poinsettia dressers and delivery. Call Grace or Shirley, 446-7775, for more information. The next orientation is Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Gallery proposals

Virginia Beach Public Library Gallery is accepting proposals for the 2000-2001 year. Proposals are now accepted for solo and group shows. Only two-dimensional and wall hung arts are eligible. Work should be suitable for a public space. Submit six to eight slides, a resume, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of the slides to gallery coordinator, Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23452-1767. For information call, 427-4321.

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Learn helpful hints for your family each month at Meet the Experts at Seateak Recreation Center. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 18 and meeting the third Tuesday of every month, hear speakers present helpful information for your family. Topics are:

- Jan. 18, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.
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Help the needy

Persons wishing to donate non-perishable food items and gifts to those less fortunate this holiday season can do so without leaving their homes. Deputies from the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office Civil Process Division will pick up donations from Virginia Beach citizens while still performing their daily duties.

The donations will then be distributed by deputies from the DARE program to residents and children in the city who've been identified by school counselors as persons in need of holiday assistance.

Individuals interested in having a deputy stop by their home to pick up donated items should call the VBSO Civil Process Division at 430-6336. If the call is made after hours, please leave a voice mail recording and deputies will return your call and arrange a pick up time and date.

ROWS luncheon

Want to know what your handwriting says about you? Betsy Patterson, internationally-certified graphologist, will reveal those secrets to Retired Officers' Wives Society (ROWS) at its luncheon meeting on Jan. 13 in the Colonial Room at Fort Story Officers' Club. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$9.75. Reservations may be made by calling Jean Vollmer, 464-3745, or Ginny Russell, 451-3805, no later than 10 a.m. Jan. 6. Guests and new members are welcome.

Holiday concert

The Charles Wesley Choir and Chamber Group of Virginia Beach United Methodist Church will present "Christmas Through the Ages" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Church, 19th and Pacific Avenue in Virginia Beach. Call 428-7727 for information.

Urban League

The Urban League of Hampton Roads will sponsor its 16th annual Martin Luther King Community Leaders Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 17 in the Webb Center Cafeteria of Old Dominion University. This marks the first year that the MLK Community Leaders Breakfast will be held at Old Dominion University. Beginning 2000 the breakfast will be held alternately between ODU and Norfolk State University.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library will hold their Semi-Annual Used Book Sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion in Virginia Beach. Books available will cover all subjects and prices are very low (\$1 for hardback books; 50 cents for paperback books).

Fort Story golf course closer to deal

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The mood was positive at the City Council work session this week when assistant to the city manager Robert Matthias outlined a plan which would bring another golf course to the city.

The course would be on Army property at Fort Story under a three-way partnership — the federal government, the city government and a private developer.

After years of talking about a golf course at Fort Story the Army and the city are close to ironing out the particulars. The staff, working with the marketplace, tried an RFP process, but the plan did not have the benefits that the Army and Congressman Owen Pickett were looking for.

In a letter to Brigadier General William E. Mortensen of Fort Story, commanding general, City Manager James K. Spore outlined a new plan to develop a "world-class, environmentally friendly and challenging links type golf course on approximately 200 acres on the southeastern side of Fort Story."

Council seems agreeable, too, even after hearing about the \$50,000 it will cost for an environment assessment which is a first step.

Matthias said that staff has been working with the Army for the past couple of years. The 200 acres where the course would be located, starts at the east gate at the Atlantic Ocean. The course would extend over the dunes and over 60 feet of a high gun emplacement.

The city's plan is to lease the site from the Army and to lease it to a private developer. The city at its cost, had two appraisals prepared for the lease of the property and received two reports, one for \$22,400 a year and another for \$120,000 a year. The city is proposing that the payments be \$71,200 a year.

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to proceed with the development of project documents, to get more detailed information which will help council to make a final decision. The proposed concept includes an investment partnership between Town Center Associates, L.L.C. which has at least two principals, A.H. Properties, L.L.C. and an entity controlled by Gerald Divaris, and the Virginia Beach Development Authority and the city of Virginia Beach. Structured as an economic development park — Armada/Hoffler's Louis Haddad said, "We're

crement financing district revenues which allows increases in tax revenue in certain designated districts such as Pembroke to be dedicated to financing a higher level of infrastructure improvements than would normally be warranted, revenue bonds issued by the Virginia Beach Development Authority, Economic Development Incentive Funds (EDIF) and through the city's capital improvement program.

At a work session preceding the formal meeting, councilwoman Barbara Henley said, a lot of her frustration arises be-

Search for perfect Christmas tree has shoppers pining away

Pungo farms have fresh-cut that folks seek

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

Cindy Weatherly doesn't even wince as she deftly twists the sharp, pointed holly and prickly pine and cedar into a wreath. By now she's used to being pricked.

"Oh, yes, it hurts," she said, holding up her scratched, stained hands. "My hands are so dry, and they stay stained like this all of the time."

Weatherly, who makes the wreaths for customers at John Cromwell's produce stand on General Booth Boulevard, is busy all day right now.

But that's OK, she said, because she loves her job. In fact, it began as a hobby.

"I learned to make wreaths by playing with them," she said. "I'd go into the woods, cut the stuff, and make wreaths. But you can't use 10 wreaths at home, so now I make them up here."

The Virginia Beach hinterlands have always been blessed with pine, cedar and holly, but this year the evergreens seem particularly lovely. The heavy rain earlier this fall, Weatherly said, is probably what produced this year's vivid green foliage.

She's not the only one who's busy this year. It's Christmas in Princess Anne, and suburban day trippers are coming out to the country in search of freshly cut Christmas trees and homemade wreaths.

Down at Henley's Farm near Back Bay, Winky Henly, son Bruce, and several helpers are spending their days cutting, dragging, and loading Christmas trees for



ALMOST SANTA'S HELPER. B.J. Schloss, who lives near Christmas tree farmer Jim Bright in Creeds, has helped him for three years. Helping customers select trees puts him in the Christmas spirit, he said.

customers who think that a fresh-from-the-farm tree is worth a drive into the country.

"Business is staying about steady," said Henley, who grows 10 acres white pine, Virginia pine and Leland cypress on his farm. He's willing to cut and load them for customers, but some come with saws or axes, prepared to chop their own. If they choose, they can also stop by his stand in downtown Pungo to pick up a wreath to match their trees.

"It's a family thing to do," Henley said. "People like cutting their own trees."

Safety is another reason why so many people are opting for fresh-cut trees, according to Jim Bright, who sees customers from as far away as York County

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GREEN THUMB. Cindy Weatherly is an expert at twisting pointed holly and prickly pine into holiday wreaths.

City shares details of proposed Pembroke project



MAKING WAY FOR BUSINESS. Economic development leaders gathered last week to update plans for the proposed downtown district in Pembroke.

By Stephanie Mojica
Correspondent

The journey on the elevator toward a downtown business center for the Pembroke area is getting closer to the top.

Last Friday, a public information session concerning the proposed Town Center project was held by officials from the city's Department of Economic Development. City Attorney Leslie L. Lilley, Department of Finance Director Patricia A. Phillips, Planning Director Robert J. Scott, and representatives from Armada/Hoffler Holding Co. presented background information and sketches concerning the proposal.

The project would entail spending approximately \$52 million in public funds to build two high-rise office buildings with stores and restaurants on the ground floor, two hotels, parking garages, a 400-unit upscale apartment complex, and a stadium-seating cost of the effort is estimated at \$169 million.

"The project we are contemplating at Pembroke is a new kind of development for the city of Virginia Beach," said Scott.

"It will be a different level of urban design, more activity-oriented, broader in scope and feel, and different in physical design than any of the other areas of the city."

"It will have a different level of personal interaction, a pedestrian orientation, round-the-clock opportunity for use, and inclusion of both commercial and residential elements in close proximity for one another."

The public funds anticipated to be used would be drawn from special property taxes, known as tax increment financing (TIF). In such a program, none of the current tax revenues would be used for the Town Center project. Instead, any future tax increases in the district would be

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Commentary

DRUNK DRIVING, HOLIDAYS DON'T MIX

None for the road

If you're like most people, you probably think that alcohol-related traffic accidents only happen to other people — not to you or your loved ones, and certainly not during the holidays.

Think again.

The National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration estimates that a shocking two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives. In addition, it is estimated that 2.75 million drunk driving accidents annually victimize 1.64 million people.

These are nothing short of staggering revelations about a dangerous practice — drinking and driving.

According to AAA of Tidewater statistics, however, there is a greater public consciousness today when it comes to drinking and driving. A few years ago, no one thought much about drinking at a party and then getting behind the wheel. But things are different now thanks to such groups as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Students Against Drunk Driving and AAA, which have spread the word that drinking and driving don't mix.

Another thumbs up goes to cab companies that offer free rides to intoxicated would-be drivers, and bars and restaurants that let the designated driver have free non-alcoholic beverages.

During the holidays, folks should be celebrating together — not mourning because someone made the wrong choice to drink and drive. — V.E.H.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SMARTS

Santa's toy bag

It's an age-old question: what should I get him (or her) for Christmas? If it's a child you are talking about, there are another set of problems to address as well — from whether the gift will hold the child's attention to, more importantly, whether it's safe. Many presents given with the best of intentions have ended up causing needless injury.

During the holiday season, stores are flooded with new and exciting toys, from this year's fast-selling Sing and Snore Ernie and Talking Bubba to old standbys like Legos and Lincoln Logs. For parents, grandparents and friends, make the task easier by following some common sense shopping tips:

Basic considerations

Early childhood educators agree that toys play significant roles in helping children from infancy through school age develop important educational concepts and life skills. Good toys should entertain and occupy their attention. In fact, one of the main values of a good toy is to extend a child's attention span.

Several shopping points should be considered:

- Is the toy safe — well-constructed, no rough edges, unbreakable and free of parts that can be swallowed?
- Will the toy appeal to the child's likes? This is an important consideration because not all children of the same age have similar interests.
- Will the child be capable of enjoying the toy? Some toys are just too complicated or too simple for a specific age group.
- Will the toy hold the child's attention over a period of time? Most toys are designed just to satisfy a child's initial interests.

Age appropriate suggestions

Still confused when pondering the possibilities? A trip down the toy aisle of any store can prove a daunting experience for even the most avid adult shoppers. If this is the case, consider a few of the long-cherished standbys:

- Infants — stuffed toys, rattles and mobiles.
- Toddlers (12 to 36 months) — dolls, blocks, lightweight balls and push-and-pull toys.
- Preschool children (3 to 5 years old) — "make believe" fantasy games, storybooks and art supplies.
- School-age children (6 to 12 years old) — bicycles, board games, musical instruments, scientific and mechanical toys, and sports-related equipment.

Remember, above all, that safety counts. Happy shopping and good luck! — V.E.H.

Letter to the editor

Community reached out to help needy "beyond wildest dreams"

Editor,

I would like to thank all the people who donated food to Oasis Social Ministry during this Thanksgiving season.

Our plea, for assistance to help feed the needy, was answered beyond our wildest dreams.

We received food from many individuals, churches and organizations. We are most grateful for all their assistance.

Because of their generosity, Oasis was able to provide 255 men, women and children with

Thanksgiving baskets. We also served Thanksgiving dinner to approximately 100 people in our lunchroom.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped prepare the food baskets, served on Thanksgiving Day (especially those who stayed to help clean up) and those unsung heroes who worked in our pantry storing and stacking the many donated canned food items.

Evelyn Screoney
Executive Director
Oasis Social Ministry

Partial birth abortion laws are bad public policy

First, let's un-muddy the water. Congress and our General Assembly (male-dominated all) pass laws banning what they call "partial birth" abortion.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey,
columnist

But, oops — they forgot to specify at what point in gestation such a ban applies.

If they meant from the 24th week onward, someone should have told them that the Supreme Court in Roe vs. Wade banned any abortion of a viable fetus (i.e. able to sustain life independently) except to save the life of the mother.

So, the first confusion to clear up is that late term abortion by any procedure is already illegal.

On the other hand, if the intent was to ban a medical procedure used to abort fetuses of 22 weeks or less, their laws directly violate the constitutional right of privacy of a woman over her own body. Before fetal viability, the law is that the state has no interest and, therefore, no right to interfere.

Even in the state stages of gestation, a fetus technically has no constitutional rights since citizenship confers at birth. But the Supreme Court rightly decided to confer the constitutional right to life at the point in biological development when, if born, the fetus could survive as an independent being.

That point is 24 weeks in 99.9 percent of pregnancies. Prior to then the fetus' vital organs, especially the lungs and the brain, are too undeveloped to sustain life. While medical

science has produced a few miracles among the rare 23-week fetuses that even survive, most survivors are severely brain-damaged and physically handicapped.

So, if the goal was to ban abortion in the 23rd week when .01 percent of fetuses might survive (although seriously damaged), why didn't those whose duty it is to pass wise and just laws say so. Why, indeed!

Because the real agenda driving the ban on deletion and extraction (which our legislators call "partial birth") because medical terminology is too complex for them to understand is to establish a legal right for the state to intervene in the abortion decision prior to fetal viability.

It can not justify stripping its female citizens of their right to privacy.

Until the state enacts a law that can pass constitutional muster to ban abortion prior to viability, it can not justify stripping its female citizens of their right to privacy in their person, place or things.

Ironically, the same conservatives who claim to be strict constitutionalists are leading this charge to deny women their constitutionally-guaranteed rights. Surely a woman's physical being ought to be as protected from government intrusion as is her home and speech.

But, "no," the ban's proponents loudly protest — it is pure compassion for the fetus that motivates them. There is no hidden agenda at work here at all.

Really — so why do pro-life advocates petition our legislatures rather than the AMA, the only body with the expertise and legitimate authority to ban any medical procedure?

Nobody's arguing that a medical

procedure capable of causing pain to an unviable fetus ought not to be banned. But that's a decision for those licensed to practice medicine, not a bunch of unqualified politicians.

It makes as much sense for legislators to practice medicine as it does for bean counters to dictate medical decisions to physicians in HMOs. But, then, nobody ever accused politicians of an excess of common sense.

What gets lost in every discussion of this very divisive issue is that the public policy issue is not whether or not a woman should have an abortion, but who has the legal right to make that decision, the woman herself or the government.

For those who believe that the soul incarnates at conception, it follows that any abortion would be immoral, and there certainly could be no exception for rape or incest since the immortal soul could not be of less value because of the father was undesirable.

But, that is a religious belief, not a legal argument. And no one is forcing those who believe abortion is immoral from the first moment that fetal cells divide to violate their religious beliefs and have one.

There are many who reject the notion that the fetus is a spiritual being until it is born as a separate individual, and they have as much right to their religious beliefs as do those who link the soul completely and intrinsically with the biologically developing physical vessel inside the womb.

Sadly, the real reason the pro-life movement has sought the ban from our law makers instead of doctors is to establish a state interest in abortion prior to personhood, which the Court has set at viability.

Should it succeed, a woman's right to choose will no longer be left to the dictates of her conscience, but will instead be dictated by the religious beliefs of legislators throughout our land.

Reflections on 5 years of 'I do'

Five years ago I was taking the biggest step of my life — getting married.

Each year about this time I like to pause for a few minutes and reflect on the passage of time and the changes it has brought.



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

Today I'm a 30-year-old mother, wife and editor, though not nearly as worry-free and certainly not taking any London trips any time soon. That's the thing about getting older and hopefully wiser. You take on more responsibility, but you don't mind.

The biggest change Evan and I have experienced since trading vows was becoming parents. It's a role we gladly took on and which is helping alter our lifestyle some.

We can no longer go out to eat dinner on a whim. And the types of restaurants we visit are drastically different. We don't go to movies all the time, probably once every three months, nor hit the stores on wild shopping sprees. My bargain hunts now are limited to which stores have the best deals on diapers.

Instead, an evening is more like this. After I pick Mitch up from the babysitter around 5:45 p.m., I hurry home, perhaps stopping at the grocery store first. At home Evan and I enjoy some play time with Mitch, which usually means watching him pull every toy out of his chest and chasing him around the house.

Around 6:30 p.m. the little man sits down for his supper, which can last up to 45 minutes depending on how much ends up on the floor and in his

hair. By 7:15 it's bath time, followed by a few minutes of wrestling the little fellow into his pajamas. Then it's some more quiet playtime and a little snuggling.

When he sticks his pacifier in his mouth, says "night night" and rubs his eyes, we know Mitch is ready for bed. We're lucky if that's around 8 p.m.

After he's all tucked in, I get to work on our dinner. The dishes are cleared and cleaned by 9:30, in time to watch a sitcom, do some chores and catch up on bills. On lazy nights we'll rent a movie and relax for a couple of hours instead.

That's the exciting life of marriage and parenthood. It's funny. When Evan and I were still childless we used to look at young couples with children — who seemed to talk about nothing but their children — and think they were the ultimate in dull.

We are now those people. In fact, when we're not talking about children, we're reading about them. I love magazines and books on babies and early childhood development.

But last week, as our fifth anniversary loomed, I wanted to shake it up a little and do something worry-free

for that special day. Evan and I thought it might be nice to return to those young, worry-free days again.

For just one night we did. Grandma and Grandpa watched Mitch while we enjoyed a leisurely dinner, then a movie and night's stay at a hotel. We even got to sleep in that Saturday morning. That's something we rarely do now that our human alarm clock rouses us before dawn.

And weekends are spent cleaning house, doing the yard and catching up on all those errands we have not time for over the weekend. But know what? This is what some people call the good life.

I admit that every now and then when it seems life is pulling me in 50 directions, I long for some peace. It would be nice to go on a shopping spree again, or lounge in a bubble-filled tub, or take off for a weekend getaway to a bed and breakfast inn like we did on our first anniversary.

But five years have gone by and that's not going to happen. What we do is capture those precious free moments and savor them like a cup of good morning coffee.

For better or worse, that's fine with me. These are the good days after all.

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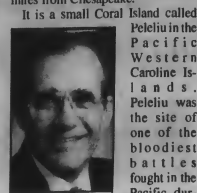
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Christmas memories from long ago in a place far away

All this week my mind has been drifting back to a place thousands of miles from Chesapeake.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

my mind.

Sometimes the temperature would reach 110 degrees — so a white Christmas was out of the question. It is hard to believe knowing that a Japanese banzai attack could come at any moment. The island had been bombed so much until there was very little vegetation left. We didn't put up a tree. We didn't have decorations to put on anyway. The mess cooks did the best that they could do under the circumstances, but we were more than happy to be alive than worrying what we were going to eat on Christmas.

The realization that so many of our buddies would never see another Christmas made the holiday on Peleliu a sad day for us. We wondered if our folks back home would have a white Christmas and perhaps a turkey with dressing. We so longed to be back home, but at the same time realized that it was up to us to defeat Japan so that we could all go home.

I had guard duty Christmas Eve night and we had been alerted that the Japs might pull a banzai attack and when that happened a lot of people died. I prayed that I would not be one of them. Thank God it did not happen.

It did happen two days later and a lot of Japs died for their emperor that day. The Marines were already angry because they missed Christmas, so they took it out on the Japs. I was amazed at the ingenuity of some of my fellow Marines. We used a bombed-out Japanese building for our main headquarters. It had a loudspeaker that could be heard all over the island.

Someone had "borrowed" a record player and along with it a stack of records. Most of the records were Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and other big name bands. Lo and behold there were two records by Bing Crosby, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and "I'll Be Home For Christmas." The boys at headquarters would put those two records on the loudspeaker all day in the morning and play them all day.

Frankly, I got a little tired of hearing the same songs over and over again. But now that I am at home I rarely hear those songs and don't think of the Christmas I spent on that island so long ago and far away. Merry Christmas.

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Francis Land History Park captures past

After a weekend of heavy rain, the clouds parted and rays of sunlight pierced the canopy of trees to illuminate the opening ceremonies for the Francis Land History Park. The sunshine helped to show off the natural wonders of the wooded wetland and marsh that nestle behind the historic Francis Land House at the southern end of Kings Grant Road. Everyone of the more than 100 people in attendance seemed to marvel at the peaceful beauty of this previously inaccessible parcel of city property.

The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

The History Park was the first completed Heritage Resources component of the City's Outdoors Plan. The partnership of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Museums and Cultural Arts have been a great match for this project. Parks and Recreation undertook the trail construction and provides maintenance of the built elements. The Department of Museums, through the Francis Land House, has established interpretive programs that address both the nature and the history of the site.

A preview of programmatic themes was offered to those who attended the opening ceremonies on May 17. The dock that overlooks the marsh at the trail's eastern end was an appropriate location to learn about the use of natural resources by Native Americans who lived in the area hundreds of years ago. Observing the quiet expanse of marshland makes it easy to imagine what Virginia Beach was like before the English colonists arrived.

The early colonists were fascinated by the nature of Virginia, with its many plants and animals that were previously unknown to them. The History Park's middle deck was where I encountered Mark Catesby, a colonial naturalist portrayed by volunteer Ian Goodwin. He presented a colorful description of his excitement of discovering and illustrating "new" species of flora and fauna.

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through the summer camp series that utilized the History Park. These groups examined many features of the park setting including wildflowers, trees and birds. The children ignored the heat and humidity as they became fascinated with the park as a learning environment.

Two of the most striking and attractive aspects of the park are the clean outdoor experience it provides and the proximity it allows for encounters with nature, particularly birds. The trail surfaces are either wooden boardwalk or crushed gravel, so you can walk through the woods without getting your shoes muddy or burrs and briars on your socks and pants. The trail takes you into the trees and provides a close view of the many birds that live in the park or migrate through it. The yellow-rumped warbler is one of the fall tourists that have been seen there recently.

Six months after it opened, the Francis Land History Park is looking much different than it did in May. Nothing has been added to it, but the changes are very noticeable. The lush green vegetation has now become a coat of many colors. The marsh is currently awash in a sea of white as the groundsel blooms. Fallen leaves have added a new sound and texture to a stroll on the boardwalk. This park is very different from the one I cut the ribbon for earlier this year. That park will return soon enough, but this "new" park has a peaceful beauty of its own.

The Francis Land History Park has not only provided the best use for existing city land, it has also provided Virginia Beach citizens with an opportunity to touch nature without getting their feet dirty. Best of all, visiting it is always a new experience because it changes a little bit every day.

Mark Reed, administrator for the Francis Land House, contributed to this column.

Polar Plunge Winter Fest set for Feb. 5

Thrillseekers wearing nothing but swimsuits will brave the chilly Atlantic Ocean at the eighth annual Polar Plunge Winter Festival to be held on Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. on the Virginia Beach oceanfront in front of the Quality Inn (formerly the Hilton) at 8th and Atlantic streets. Presented by TSR Wireless, all proceeds benefit Special Olympics Virginia.

Since 1992 thousands have taken the plunge for a good time and a great cause, raising close to \$400,000. After a quick safety briefing celebrity Michael Buffer, the announcer whose statement "Let's Get Ready to Rumble!" has entertained millions, will shout a five-second countdown, and then thousands of people will take a chilly dip into the Atlantic.

Purses will be awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Polar Plunge, the plunger with the best costume, and the team and individual that raise the most money. Plungers must raise at least \$50 in donations to participate and receive a free T-shirt and beach access. Plungers raising \$125 or more will also receive a free sweatshirt.

Plungers who raise \$400 or more will also receive one free hotel stay at either the Quality Inn or the Ramada Inn the night before or day of the plunge. Registration forms are available at AMC Theatres, Wal-Mart, Enterprise, Hooters and Mahi Mahi's Seafood Restaurant and Sushi Saloon.

A Winter Festival on the beach will take place alongside the Polar Plunge this year beginning at 11 a.m. and will feature live music from a surprise national act plus Agents of Good Roots, the Hollowbodies and Soulpatch; food and drink and carnival games including bounce boxing, giant moonwalk, laser tag, a Vello climbing wall and more. Admission is free for plungers and \$5 for non-plungers. A Casino Night featuring an unlimited buffet dinner, beverages, casino games and music will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Quality Inn Festival Center. Admission for Casino Night is \$50 per person.

For more information on the Polar Plunge call 1-800-932-GOLD, ext. 14, or check out www.polarplunge.com. Additional sponsors include the Coast 93.7 FM, Next Generation Network, Mobil Speedpass, Wal-Mart Supercenter, XL102, American Family Fitness Centers and Hair Cuttery.

given across the state of Virginia.

The Clean Water Farm Award is given to a farmer to reward their efforts in implementing best management practices, following nutrient management planning objectives and conserving natural resources to contribute towards the improvement of water quality.

Local farmers win Clean Water award

The Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Don Horsley of Land of Promise Farms in Virginia Beach as the recipients of the 1999 Clean Water Farm Award for the Chowan River Basin.

The Horsleys were sponsored on the local level by Virginia Dare and were chosen for one of 10 awards

Up close and personal

Dr. Brian Lancaster: Hands-on approach

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

When Dr. Brian Lancaster hears someone moan "Oh, my aching back," he has the medicine for what ails them at his fingertips — literally.

The Chesapeake resident began college as a pre-med major. But by the time graduation arrived he was on the way to a career in chiropractic.

"I volunteered at a medical school for a couple of years, and as I gained an understanding of the medical field I really didn't like the aspect of pushing drugs and the idea of fixing them for now, then sending them on their way. I developed a chiropractic philosophy of proper diet and fixing the problem. I didn't want to be a 45-year-old medical doctor, have people come in and be too busy to actually put my hands on them and treat them that way," said Lancaster.

"Every chiropractor does things differently, but the basic premise is healing with the hands — not pills and surgery," he said.

A 1991 graduate of Great Bridge High School, Lancaster earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from James Madison University in 1995. He recently graduated from New York Chiropractic College and opened his first office last month, Applied Chiropractic, in Virginia Beach. He's the first member of his family to enter the medical field.

Putting those hands to good use yet again, Lancaster renovated a free-standing office building on Virginia Beach Boulevard into his new clinic. The location provides plenty of drivebys and some walk-in business.

Common conditions he's treating include pain and dysfunction of the joints, muscles and nerves in the spine, joints and head. Sports injuries, headaches, auto accident injuries and work-related injuries are also common.

"Most people come in and have either a neck or lower back pain," he explained.

Treatment can come in several forms. There are traditional chiropractic adjustments, soft tissue massage, mobilization and rehabilitation techniques, ultrasound and electrical therapy, and hot and cold packs. But Lancaster is most excited about the flexion distraction technique, which addresses lower back conditions.

"A lot of older doctors don't use this method. The flexion distraction table is awesome because you can do a lot for the muscles and discs in the back. It's a pumping action that does well for herniations, that sort of thing."

After completing his residency in upstate New York, Lancaster chose to come back to his native Hampton Roads to practice.

"And besides, my parents would have killed me if I didn't," he joked. "They support me so much — they were here for my open house and even helped me paint this place. I'm close with my family and couldn't imagine starting out without their support. You can't beat the little things that parents do."

Lancaster believes that moving here was a good choice. By his count there are 150 chiropractors here, which isn't too saturated. He's a member of the Virginia and American Chiropractic Associations, as well as Physicians for Responsible Medicine. A former member of the Tidewater Striders, he's in the process of rejoining the running club.

Name: Brian Lancaster.

What brought you to this area: The reason I returned to the Hampton Roads area after living upstate is the desire to be in proximity to my family and friends.

Hometown: I grew up in the Hickory area of Chesapeake and went to school in Great Bridge.

Age: 26.

Nickname: My nickname is Andy, which is short for Anderson (named after my grandmother).

Occupation: Chiropractor.



Marital Status: Single.

Children: None.

Favorite movie: "What Dreams May Come," "City of Angels," any movie with a creative insight on death.

Magazines I read regularly: The only magazines I read regularly are boring chiropractic journals.

Favorite authors: Jean-Paul Sartre, Albert Camus and others who write about existence.

Favorite night out on the town: My favorite night on the town would consist of being a few years younger and going to clubs in Rochester and Buffalo, N.Y.

Favorite restaurants: Mexican ones like Chi-Chi's or Don Pablo's. I haven't eaten any meat in more than six months, and Burger King doesn't offer any veggie-Whoppers yet.

Favorite meal: Despite eating a meat-free diet, my favorite meal would still have to be pizza. I just change the toppings.

What most people don't know about me: Most people are in disbelief when I tell them I am a chiropractor. I guess most chiropractors must be old with no hair. If I don't wear a tie, no one believes me.

Best thing about myself: I would think my loyalty and dedication to a person or ideal is my best attribute.

Worst habit: I have been told that my arrogance and belief that I'm always right could stand to be changed. You'd think my mom would be more supportive than that.

Pets: I am in the process of buying an iguana. That is, after I finish reading the 80-page owner's manual first.

Hobbies: My favorite hobby is sailing. A friend has a Hobie Cat near the Chesapeake Bay

Tunnel, and I go whenever possible in the summer.

Ideal vacation: I have never vacationed outside the U.S. I used to live 20 minutes from Canada and only went across the border six or seven times.

Pet peeves: My biggest pet peeve is when people don't take care of their bodies. I think I would feel that way even if I wasn't in the health care field.

First job: Picking up scrap wood with a forklift at a cabinet shop in Chesapeake.

Least liked job: I have had jobs ranging from washing dishes to working at a residential treatment center to working at a medical school in Norfolk, but I have never had a job that I really disliked.

Favorite sports team: Washington Redskins and New York Knicks.

Favorite musicians: Red Hot Chili Peppers. I saw them at Woodstock 95, and every time I hear them I get more energetic.

Most embarrassing moment: The most embarrassing moment that I could tell was when I was attending James Madison University. A friend and I decided to take a shortcut involving a fence. The back of my jacket and shirt snagged on the top and I dangled helplessly for 10 minutes before my friend could get me free.

How I would like to be remembered: As a person who always did what I thought was right, no matter what consequence it would bring.

If I received \$1 million: I would pay off my education loans — and I do owe a lot. If money were no object to me, I would support more organizations like the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would implore people to put down their chicken wings and get into shape.

1st Art program comes to Beach

A child's early years are bursting with many firsts: first teeth, first words, first steps. Now the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia will offer 1st ART, a comprehensive preschool art program.

1st ART is a new program for children ages 18 months to five years. The classes will begin in February, and enrollment begins in January. A mailing list is being developed and interested parents should call the center at 425-0000, ext. 29 to receive information.

The five-week classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Experienced educators have designed an age-appropriate curriculum based on a playful approach to art that will engage the whole child. Children will explore a wide world of

topics and themes through fun studio projects (drawing, painting, printmaking, collage and clay sculpture) as well as games and activities in the studios and galleries.

Topics include celebrations around the world; favorite artists; people, places and animals; self and family; and city and country, to name a few. Music and storytelling will also be incorporated. As youngsters explore each topic, they will learn more about tools and materials, elements and principles of design (line, shape, color, texture, etc.), mirror images and close and distant objects.

Among the many reasons why children — and their caregivers — benefit from high-quality arts programs is the development of social,

motor, analytical, verbal and other expressive skills. Additionally, arts programs help students increase self-confidence, attention span, awareness of the visual world and integration of the senses. Further, research has identified a correlation between the study of arts and higher achievement in other subject areas in school-aged children.

For classes in which adult participation is required, working on projects together creates another dimension to the adult-child bond. Participation in these classes will also help adults feel more confident about extending classroom experiences to the home environment.

A 1st ART open house will be held Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Contemporary Art Center of

Virginia. Interested parents and caregivers are invited to meet the instructors and see child-friendly upgrades to the facility. Refreshments will be served.

Has someone in your organization recently won an award? Let *The Chesapeake Post* know about it. Fax the pertinent information to 548-0390.

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HONORS AND AWARDS

By Deanne Brady
Correspondent

The "who's who" of Hampton Roads, donning dark suits, extending firm handshakes and dishing out business cards, filled the Chesapeake Conference Center last week to find out how business is done in the digital age.

In this new era, a company can only get where it wants to go if it knows where it is going, Arthur Sulzberger Jr., chairman of the New York Times Company and publisher of the *New York Times*, told about 600 members of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce during its annual meeting.

Part of making the trip a success is for a business to first determine its core values and purpose, Sulzberger explained.

"Enunciate them over and over again," the guest speaker said, explaining the way to thrive is to have everyone in a company understand the direction it is heading.

Sulzberger shared how in the early 1990s the *Times* chucked its post-World War II style of management in favor of a looser form with a reduced hierarchy and increased communication between departments and personnel levels.

"The company doesn't just talk the talk, but walks the walk," said Sandi Yost, president and general manager of WTKR News Channel 3.

A pamphlet with the *Times'* purpose is displayed for all of Channel 3's employees to see, Yost explained. It reminds employees that the company is "to be the premier news, information and entertainment provider in order to enhance society," she noted.

Yost also emphasized how the employees are given a list of rules that require them to be fair, embrace diversity, respect others, take risks and have a sense of humor.

Sulzberger said that he is serious about employees abiding by those rules and sticking to the company's policies as he mentioned the recent firing of about 20 employees for sending "inappropriate and offensive" e-mail at the New York Times Co.'s Norfolk administrative offices.

Sticking to core beliefs does not



PASSING THE GAVEL. Dorcas Helfant of Helfant Realty assumes chairmanship of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

necessarily make a profit, Sulzberger admitted. However, adhering to them in combination with a long-term strategy will help achieve sustainable growth, he explained.

In 1998, the newspaper claimed \$1 billion in ad revenues, which is the highest reached by any publication.

"What makes a difference for success in this age or any is the product," he stated, explaining that business people need to have a "genuine insight into what consumers need."

Sulzberger stressed that change in the way companies do business is necessary in this high-tech world because the competitive landscape has changed.

"Experience and seniority no longer rule in the job market," Sulzberger said. Instead, the

younger generation thinks more about their options and mobility, rather than climbing the corporate ladder, he continued.

Some chamber members said they enjoyed hearing Sulzberger's advice and agreed with his approach to business.

Ruth Middleton, an account executive



Arthur Sulzberger Jr.

utive for Adelphia Business Solutions, said that his formula applies not only to those in the media, but to all types of businesses.

"I've seen it work," she said, explaining that for five years she worked at the health organization Sentara, where its leaders implemented similar changes in their management style, giving employees a greater voice in how the company should operate.

"The people we employ are adults," Middleton said. "They can make decisions." This style is about empowering employees, she continued.

Middleton admitted that while more businesses need to get on the bandwagon for changing their approach, most people are not so quick to join. "We are so resistant to change," she explained.

Others at the chamber event agreed.

James Carroll III, director of the Small Business Development Center of Hampton Roads, said that people need to step out of their comfort zone in order to make the transition.

While admitting that many have a mind-set that make it difficult to alter the way they do business, he explained, that "everyone has the ability."

Besides hearing about one business' success story, chamber members at the annual meeting also had a chance to reflect on their accomplishments over the past year.

Before passing the gavel to next year's chairwoman, outgoing Chairman R. Bruce Bradley, president and publisher of *The Virginia Pilot*, reflected on the 1999 achievements for the Hampton Roads Development Alliance such as bringing 537 additional jobs and \$20.7 million in capital investment to the area.

Dorcas Helfant, president and CEO of Coldwell Banker Helfant Realty, accepted her new position with promises of more of the same for next year.

"I'm impressed today with the opportunity here in Hampton Roads," the new chamber leader explained. "We are on a solid foundation."

Bayside History Trail wins international award

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation has been honored by the Learning Resources Network (LERN) for excellence in the Community Service division for its development of the Bayside History Trail. The project was selected from a field of more than 100 nominations from four countries.

The trail was chosen for this award based on originality, innovation, replicability, and dedication to lifelong learning. As an award-winning program, it will be featured in future LERN publications and on

the organization's website.

The Bayside History Trail officially opened on July 10, 1999 with events at the sites along the walking/biking trail, which links 7 historic buildings and 3 historically significant sites. The opening celebrated years of development by the departments of Parks and Recreation, Public Libraries, Museums and Cultural Arts, as well as by dedicated citizens and privately owned historic sites. This year's event will take place on May 31.

Local officers recognized in Top Cop Fitness event

Virginia Beach Police announces that two of its officers finished first and second place at the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Top Cop Fitness Challenge, Women's Division.

Officer Cassandre Whited, who is assigned to the Second Precinct, finished in first place and Officer Eileen Skurkis, who is assigned to the First Precinct, finished in second place.

The event was held at six separate universities across the state. The competition included: an obstacle course, a mile and a half run, bench press, sit-ups, pull-ups, and sit and reach. Officer's Whited and Skurkis compiled the highest scores from among the women who competed state wide.

Both officers will be honored by the General Assembly in February of 2000.

Dunn gets full tuition

Aaron Dunn of Virginia Beach has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship to Lincoln Technical Institute in Columbia, Md.

A graduate of Bayside High School in Virginia Beach, Dunn will be enrolled in the air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technology program.

Paul McGuirk, executive director, has announced that members of this year's scholarship selection committee were Neeb Trapazano and Patrick Engram, managers of

two Firestone Tire and Service Centers in Baltimore.

The Columbia campus is one of 13 locations in the East and Midwest operated by Lincoln Technical Institute. Open for day and evening sessions, it offers programs in automotive technology; air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technology and help desk analyst. LTI is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools/Colleges of Technology (ACCSC).

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'Cyber shopping' beats mall madness

By Deanne Brady
Correspondent

When Darin Gerdes heads to his school's computer lab to do a little homework and check his e-mail, he often makes a quick shopping trip to his favorite virtual bookstore.

Shopping online is something he does while waiting for his PC to download the endless messages zapped to him from friends back home.

It is not something Gerdes sets aside time to do. Instead, he does whenever it occurs to him that he needs a new book, or an airplane ticket home to New Jersey, or a special Christmas card he can't find anywhere else.

"I get stuff almost daily from Amazon and even Barnes and Noble online," explained the 26-year-old Regent University doctoral student. Gerdes is not alone in the rising trend of Internet consumers making online purchases.

In fact, a recent America Online/Roper Starch Cyberstudy found that 42 percent of those who regularly use the Internet are buying goods from their computers. That statistic is up to 11 percent from a year ago.

Confirming the growing trend, an informal poll taken in a Regent University computer lab, where students are regular Internet users, found that five out of 10 students are shopping online.

That number is not surprising to many. "I expect the growth to continue," said Jeff Moore, an Internet analyst with The Strategis Group in Washington, D.C. He said that his private research organizations have been tracking the trend and found that 101 million American adults are now Internet users compared to 65 million a year ago.

He believes that two of the important reasons people are shopping online are for convenience and lower prices. He also mentioned that people are able to save money on their purchases by using sites that do comparison shopping for customers.

"This is going to revolutionize democracy," said Matt Wasowski, spokesman for the comparison shopping web site studentonline.com. While his site is geared specifically toward college students, he believes that all such comparison shopping sites will help drive down prices by making it more competitive for retail businesses.

Low prices may be an issue for many; however, some Regent students tout convenience as the primary reason for their virtual shopping trips.

"I'm just too lazy," explained Debbie Weimer.

The 32-year-old graduate student said that she has purchased books, videos and airline tickets online. Her Internet shopping spree began with an airplane ticket home.

"That's where it starts and then it snowballs," she explained.

Weimer is one of the many online customers who airlines like



SURFING THE SHOPPING. When the stores are too much of a hassle, shoppers like Regent University student Darin Gerdes plug in online.

Northwest are aiming to please.

"Our customers are demanding online services," said Mary Beth Schubert, a spokeswoman for Northwest Airlines, claiming that the company is making their web site as user-friendly as possible.

"I think our customers appreciate the ease," Schubert said, adding that now four percent of the company's tickets are sold online compared to only one percent a couple of years ago. She said the airline expects the rising trend to continue.

Despite the optimism shared by online shoppers over the convenience of the technology, not all are jumping on the bandwagon.

Regent student Davina DeBaux, 26, said that she is leery about giving her credit card information over the Internet. She said that it is not secure enough for her.

"I feel more comfortable speaking to a person," DeBaux explained.

She admits that she does a lot of browsing online. "It is a great place to find stuff, I just don't want to purchase online," she said.

Companies like Northwest and Amazon.com are aware of customers security concerns and have statements on their web sites reassuring customers about the safety measures that are installed for processing the information over the

computer.

"It is not any less safe than charging at a store," explained Amazon.com spokeswoman Kristen Schaefer. "It is almost more secure online because of the protection."

Schaefer said people are becoming more comfortable with purchasing online and that has contributed to the rise in the number of shoppers.

Although the online market is expanding, Schaefer doesn't think her company will put the traditional retail stores out of business.

"I think more than anything, it gives customers more options," she explained. "I think there is room for both."

Those working at the "bricks-and-mortars" stores seem to agree.

Although Norfolk bookstore manager Drew Cowherd admits that online businesses like Amazon.com may take away some of his profits, he welcomes the competition.

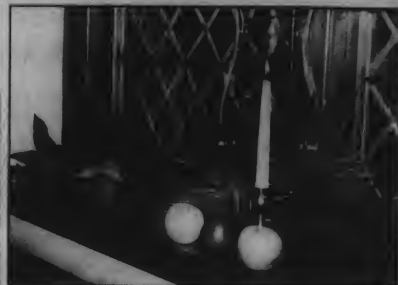
"It is good for the market and for the customer," said Cowherd from the Dominion Book Store. He explained that the online business will only make him work harder by offering better customer service and increasing the variety of books he has in stock.

While some customers will always prefer the personal touch,

others say they don't want to shop all over town in search of that one special item.

Gerdes thinks that men in general really appreciate the convenience factor of online shopping. "We want to get what we want to get and get it over with," he explained.

Deanne Brady is a journalism student at Regent University.



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Youth services providers come together for Y2K

By Colleen Holmes
Correspondent

More than 51 youth services workers from throughout the city gathered at the Virginia Beach Pavilion last week for "Yes 2 Kids," a forum sponsored by the city's Youth Opportunities Office.

The event was designed to give youth service providers an opportunity to come together with a common goal, to learn more about what other providers do, and to see how they can work together to better meet young people's needs.

The forum was comprised of individuals, agencies, businesses and government organizations that provide services to Virginia Beach youth.

Woodrow Tabb, admissions counselor for the U. S. Department of Labor's Job Corps, noted that he appreciated the forum because it gave him the opportunity to come together with other service providers to discuss their common goal. He indicated that he often encounters skepticism in networking efforts with other service providers.

"Many people have that concept that because we are under the federal government, people either think we only help troubled students, or that we want to interfere with what they're doing. Neither of which is true," said Tabb.

He noted that the forum's atmosphere encouraged representatives from the various organizations to set aside territorialism and preconceived ideas, and really listen to each other. Barbara Brinson, youth opportunities coordinator for the city, noted that the forum was designed, "to transcend boundaries real and imagined."

She stated that sometimes there are real boundaries, especially with government agencies where certain providers have to perform certain functions. However, she noted, "Many times these boundaries are imagined, more turf issues. Sometimes agencies feel like we need to do everything. We know we'll work smarter if we do it together." The representatives divided into eleven small groups and were asked to work together to pinpoint strengths, weaknesses and needs in the community's existing youth services.

The groups' presentations following the break-out sessions indicated that while the community is already providing excellent programs for youth, shortfalls in the areas of transportation to, and communication about the activities were preventing maximum success. Many of the groups also cited the need to include the youth, soliciting their input, and involving them in planning and facilitating the activities, and to follow the forum with continued opportunities for

The office projects that the plan will be completed by June 2000. Many of the suggestions discussed in the forum will be incorporated into the plan.

the providers to network and coordinate their efforts.

Hermitage Elementary School Principal Michael Storm Jr. indicated that there are many excellent services in Virginia Beach to meet children's needs, but the city lacks a central information source so parents and school officials can identify the appropriate resources for each need.

"One of the members of my group brought up the fact that there are a lot of doors out there. We need to communicate where the keys are to get into those doors," said Storm. "We see a need for a developmental, sequential and spiraling resource roadmap that would lead us and help us make decisions as to who would be the best provider of services for a student in a crisis situation."

To that end, Brinson announced that the Youth Opportunities Office is assembling a city-wide plan to maximize the resources available to the youth of Virginia Beach. The office projects that the plan will be completed by June 2000. Many of the suggestions discussed in the forum will be incorporated into the plan.

The forum attendees also joined in honoring a woman the Youth Opportunities Office dubbed Virginia Beach's top advocate for children, Mayor Meyera Oberndorf.

The mayor noted that the city has set strengthening families as a top priority. She cited the importance of having strong youth services to help support families.

She reminded the group that, "We need to strive to set an example of hard work and responsible behavior," reaching out to at-risk youth, and identifying and recognizing students who have shown remarkable talent and hard work. She also encouraged service providers to not forget how much they can learn from the children they are working to reach.

The Youth Opportunities Office presented Oberndorf with a framed picture of children at play that summarized the forum's goal and the promise for Virginia Beach's future. "The Benefits are Endless for Kids."



MY TREE! David Waterbury of Virginia Beach helped his parents, Dave and Gina, pick out the perfect tree from Henley's farm. His mom said that concern for fire safety prompted her to select a locally-grown tree this year.

Search of perfect tree has shoppers pining

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or Elizabeth City on his Creeds farm. The freshly-cut trees are much less likely to burn than those transported here from other areas, many of which have been cut for several weeks, he explained.

Bright's been growing trees "for 16 or 17 years, and I'm in my 10th year of selling."

It takes several years for a tree to grow the seven or eight feet tall, which is the height most people prefer for a Christmas tree. And these days, both Bright and Henley see a trend toward even larger trees.

"I cut a 12- or 14-foot tree for someone the other day," Bright said. "Over the years I've seen that people are buying bigger trees to fit these cathedral ceilings."

Bright, who opens the weekend after Thanksgiving for Christmas tree sales, also said that business has been brisk this year. His customers can, if they choose, tag the tree they want, then come back later to pick it up, and many opt to wait until "a couple of weeks" before Christmas to collect their trees.

Bright became interested in growing Christmas trees during the 1970s, when the forestry department and Virginia Tech were encouraging Virginia landowners to get into the Christmas tree business. "I went to meetings, listened, and decided not to do it," he said. "Then after awhile I decided it would be a nice thing to try."

This year, Bright said, has been a particularly good one for evergreens. "The trees did well this year, very well," he said. "We've had a few insect problems, but we took care of

that, and we've got ladybugs out there now, which is good. And we've gotten good growth on the trees."

Homeowners who prefer the rustic look of evergreens and natural wood to neon and tinsel decorations will also find plenty of crafts and wreaths for sale locally this year. While Weatherly's busy making wreaths, her boss, John Cromwell, has been rummaging through the woods for sweet gum trees to make his tiny reindeer.

"You can get cross-eyed looking for a branch that's just the right shape to make antlers," he said.

"It takes about 45 minutes to one hour to make one of these," he said, pointing to a small deer constructed from sweet gum. "I have a grove of sweet gum trees, and I look for trees that are the right size for the deer I want to make. I grow them close together, so they won't branch out, because you don't need a lot of branches. I just make the deer from the whole trunk."

Growing and cutting trees, searching for antler-shaped branches, and making wreaths requires time, patience and the fortitude to put up with prickly leaves and uncertain weather. There's also a slow return on your money and a slow marketing season. Still, growers say that there are intangible rewards that make it worthwhile.

"It's a happy time of year," Bright said. "I get to meet the kids have a lot of the same people who've been coming since I opened, and I've watched the kids grow up."

"I like it, it's Christmassy," agreed neighbor B.J. Schloss, who works with him on weekends.

Town Center takes step toward reality

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Councilman Linwood Branch III pointed out that in the last three comprehensive plans, the longtime goal was for more commercial and less residential development. He said that money is not being taken out of the general fund or from filling potholes.

Project architect Bill Saunders said that the idea is to create an environment where business can come together. People will be able to get out of their cars and move around.

Sam Cohen, of the Central Business District Association, said that the concept is consistent with the master plan and will accrue \$9 million a year to the city.

Robert Dean, CAC president, said that his opposition was based on a lack of information. He noted that parking (in the two parking garages that will be built in each of the first two phases) will be free and asked why.

Jones pointed out that none of the facts will be available "if we don't go ahead."

He said he agreed with Dean that there is a lack of information and "that's what this is for."

He said the city can wait for the market forces to work, or "we can facilitate it to happen."

A memorandum of understanding is just that, he said. It does not mean this project was approved today. He said there will be ample time for the public to come in and make suggestions.

Henley said she wanted to make certain that the concept was consistent with the comprehensive plan.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. said that it is projects like this that generate \$9 million and will take the burden off the taxpayer.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure said she has known about the plan since the middle 80s, that it is not something new. She said that she would like to add to the tax structure — the only other way is to raise taxes. "I'm real excited about this. It's a vivid concept and has worked in some places. This project will benefit you and not cost

you."

Phase I involves a net private investment of \$40 million for the construction of a 22-story office building containing 225,000 square feet, a parking garage with 1,122 spaces and retail spaces containing 93,000 square feet.

The development authority will purchase the parking garage to be used for free public parking at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,050,000, construct off-site infrastructure at an estimated cost of \$1,050,000, construct traditional public infrastructure within the project at an estimated cost of \$6,048,914, acquire residual land for public streets at an estimated cost of \$501,400, accept assignment of the land purchase contracts for the Sage and Consolvo parcels and purchase the property at a cost of \$5,724,996.

The development authority will ease one floor of the office building for the departments of economic development and convention and visitor development with lease payments in excess of current lease prices payable from the TIF.

Construction of this phase is expected to begin June 30, 2000.

Phase I-A includes a private investment of \$15.7 million for the construction of a stand-alone bank facility of 11,000-square-feet.

The authority will construct traditional public infrastructure at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Phase II includes a net private investment of \$67 million for the construction of a second office tower of 225,000-square-feet, a second parking garage with 1,486 spaces, retail spaces containing 78,500-square-feet, a 150-room hotel and a department store containing 175,000-square-feet. The authority will purchase the parking garage for free public parking at an estimated cost not to exceed \$19,324,000 including a prorated cost of land for streets and will construct traditional public infrastructure within the project for \$3,677,044.

Construction on this phase is expected to begin by Dec. 31, 2003.

City share details of proposed project

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used only for projects such as Town Center. City Council has in the past expressed support for such a program, which also entails increasing property taxes for facilities built as a result of the deal with Armada/Hoffler.

According to documents published by the Department of Economic Development, using such funds would not jeopardize any current city programs. The city's role in the project, if accepted by the City Council would be to use the extra property taxes to build two parking garages, acquire water and sewer service for the area, and purchase land appropriate for building new roads.

"The bottom line is the project pays for itself," said Lilley.

In the last several months, city leaders have gone on record saying that such a project, providing a downtown area to the resort city, would bring more tax revenue to the area, paving the way for services such as new schools.

"I don't believe there will be controlled growth in the area without TIF," said Phillips. "The schools will benefit from more businesses coming in, and that is important because we never want to short-change the schools."

Further economic growth is anticipated to result from Town Center. The first year of operation is anticipated to bring 800 new jobs to the city, and by the ninth year of business, more than 3,800 new jobs may be created.

"The objective is to spur development in Virginia Beach's way it has not been in the past," said Phillips.

If the project is approved, two phases of development are planned. The first phase would create a "village green" park setting and internal roads, along with a seven-story parking garage for 1,122 cars. A 224,000 square foot, 14-story office and retail buildings will wrap around the parking garage. Parking services would be free.

The second phase of the Town Center project would be to construct an additional office tower, nearly identical to the other facility. A two-story, 85,000 square foot cinema with stadium seating and high technology would also be built, as well as an all suites hotel, an upscale department store, an additional parking garage for 1,486 cars, and other shops and restaurants. Plans for additional phases are currently in the works.

Concerning the city's focus on the Pembroke area, Scott said, "...we see the Pembroke area as one that is very dynamic; in other words, it's not going to stay the way it is now. It's either going up or it's going down, in quality and in value."

"It's quite possible the Pembroke area could decline because of the advanced age and sometimes poor condition of some of the buildings in the area. They're getting old. If we do nothing, and just let it deteriorate, we're going to see deterioration in quality and in value, and the tax base will be eroded."



Fort Story golf course

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Spore said the lease period would be for 30 years and the agreement between the city and the Army, which also would require the successful developer's approval, would provide a lease payment made to the Army and 10 percent of the gross operating income of the golf course would be paid to Fort Story on an annual basis.

The agreement also would include the requirement that individuals stationed at Fort Story and Fort Eustis would receive a 10 percent or other mutually agreeable percent discount on greens fees.

The RFP also would require a championship class clubhouse and other auxiliary buildings. The city would be allowed to collect taxes. The environmental assessment would identify fatal flaws such as adequate groundwater supply for irrigation — no city water would be used.

If the EA turns out to be satisfactory the operator or constructor would be selected through a RFP process, would be responsible for the full Environmental Impact (EIS) Statement that would be necessary

for the project. The EIS is expected to cost \$300,000 to \$500,000. The project would take three years to complete.

Mathias said the Army has not announced that the environment will be impacted or that any endangered species are located there.

The course will be open to the public — the public can play at the Navy's course at Oceana by invitation only, and the hating beach at Fort Story also will not be disturbed.

A links course, like those in Scotland and England, are less expensive to build and will take less time to build because the links are more wide open and the terrain is left natural.

Mathias said the course will have a beautiful ocean and bay view. He said that the city should get its \$50,000 back with amusement tax revenues.

He said that the only reason for the low price of the ease is the Army restrictions.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure said that it was a wonderful opportunity although \$50,000 sounds like a lot of money.

Long winter nights bring family programs on nocturnal animals

The Virginia Marine Science Museum has a winter family evening program scheduled for the museum's off-site facility, Bay Lab, located at First Landing State Park on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay along Shore Drive. Experienced staff will lead the programs created and designed for all ages.

All events are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Bay Lab programs include: ■ Jellyies & Co. - Thursday, Jan. 27; 6:30 to 8 p.m. Back by popular demand. Ever wonder if there's more to the stinging creatures swimmers fear? Meet these amazing creatures that ride the waves and currents looking for a meal much smaller than your average swimmers. This fun family program features live animals, hands-on exploration using microscopes, a matching game and a craft.

■ Chill Out! How Animals Survive the Winter - Thursday, Feb. 24; 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meet some of our local wildlife and learn how different animals survive the cold winter months. From a thick fur coat to a long winter's rest, the ways animals adapt to short, cold days will amaze you and your family. This hands-on program will feature live animals and a craft.

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HEALTH TIPS

■ **Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital** will hold a **Cancer Support Group** meeting on Monday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department. This free service for cancer patients and their families offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the third Monday of every month. For more information call, 395-8686.

■ **Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital** will hold a **Breast Cancer Support Group** meeting on Monday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department.

This free service for breast cancer patients offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the second Monday of every month.

For more information call, 395-8686.

■ **Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital**, in cooperation with the **American Cancer Society**, will hold a **prostate cancer support group** meeting, Man to Man, on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department.

Man to Man meets the third Thursday of each month. Men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their family members are invited to attend. Call 395-8686 for more information.

■ **The Diabetes Center at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital** will hold a support group meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department.

ARE CALENDAR

The Association for Research and Enlightenment announces its schedule of free lectures for the week of Dec. 19-25:

■ **Sunday, Dec. 19** - "Prophecies and Earth Changes" by Jim Smith.

■ **Monday, Dec. 20** - "The Soul" by Frances Ellen Worell.

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 21** - "Health, Healing and Diet" by Dave Lindley.

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 22** - "Learning Your Soul's Purpose" by Nancy Eubel.

■ **Thursday, Dec. 23** - "Oneness of All Forces" by Shirley Winston.

■ **Friday, Dec. 24** - Visitor center closes at noon.

■ **Saturday, Dec. 25** - Visitor center is closed.

All lectures are held at 3:30 p.m. at the center, 6700 Atlantic Ave. For more information call 428-3588, ext. 7265.

LEGAL NOTICES

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At its formal session, Tuesday, 4 January, 2000, the Virginia Beach City Council will RE-CONSIDER the application of LOTUS CREEK ASSOCIATES for a Variance to Section 5B of the Site Plan Ordinance, FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS on Lotus Creek Drive, 270 feet more or less South of Camino Real South (PRINCESS ANNE DISTRICT 7).

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Connor Wayne Meeks dated October 6, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3798, page 1956, securing a loan which was originally \$350,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 30, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Middle Plantation, Phase Six, Part 2, Lynnhaven Borough, Virginia Beach", Tax Map #1498-15-6900-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$35,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP995841
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Draper & Goldberg, PLLC
Substitute Trustee
750 Miller Drive, Suite C1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

181 South Plaza Trail

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jody Bruce Bedard dated January 24, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3052, page 1781, securing a loan which was originally \$64,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, in Block 1, as shown on

that plat entitled Subdivision of Princess Anne Plaza, Section One. Tax Map #1487-82-589-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP996182
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

3909 Arleen Court

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert Thomas Link dated May 31, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3623, page 1193, securing a loan which was originally \$79,039.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 15, Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of Green Run PUD, Subdivision D-3, part 1", Tax Map #1485-17-0523-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP984343
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner v.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, an unincorporated association, 875 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, an unincorporated association, Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (SAID UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BEING "PARTIES UNKNOWN"), Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NUMBER CH99-3727

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The above-captioned matter seeks the removal, as provided by law, of the remains interred on certain real property owned by the Petitioner, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and adjacent to the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church which property is more

particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed by the Petitioner. It is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that all Respondents and other parties known and unknown who may have an interest in this matter shall appear and protect their interests at 9:30 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999.

Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody.

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

1141 Old Clubhouse

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas D. Bacho and Jacqueline Bachodated June 8, 1987 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2640, page 1815, securing a loan which was originally \$53,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Scarborough Square, Section Four A 2, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia", Tax Map #1496-10-6815-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP996146
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

429 Southgate Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Daniel Lee Frank and Lisa R. Frank dated July 18, 1985 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2427, page 1108, securing a loan which was originally \$58,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot "H", Block 2, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Aragona Village, Section Thirteen, Princess Anne County, Virginia", Tax Map #1467-97-2032.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the

time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP983715
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., Petitioner v.

ELIZABETH G. LAUGHORN, and her unknown heirs, Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NO.: CH99-3721

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

To: Elizabeth G. Laughorn, Address Unknown. Unknown heirs of Elizabeth G. Laughorn, Parties and Addressees Unknown.

The object of this suit is to quiet title to and establish title by adverse possession in JLR Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, to an interest in certain parcels of land known as Lots 20 and 21, as shown on that certain plat of the East Norfolk Realty and Industrial Corporation, which plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office") in Map Book 4, at page 191, which interest was conveyed to Elizabeth G. Laughorn by deed of W.H. Morrison and Mary M. Morrison, dated March 1, 1915, recorded in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 109, page 68.

An affidavit having been made and signed that the address for Elizabeth G. Laughorn is unknown and that there may be unknown heirs of Elizabeth G. Laughorn whose names and post office addresses are also unknown, it is hereby ORDERED, that each of said parties appear on or before January 12, 2000, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

Karen Vastardis

Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach

I ask for this:

D. Scott Seery, p.q.
D. Scott Seery, Esquire
Jennifer L. Hawkins, Esquire
Faggert & Frieden, P.C.
1435 Crossways Boulevard,
Suite 200
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320
(757) 424-3232

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner v.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, an unincorporated association, 875 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, an unincorporated association, Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (SAID UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BEING "PARTIES UNKNOWN"), Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NUMBER CH99-3727

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The above-captioned matter seeks the removal, as provided by law, of the remains interred on certain real property owned by the Petitioner, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and adjacent to the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church which property is more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed by the Petitioner.

It is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that all Respondents and other parties known and unknown who may have an interest in this matter shall appear and protect their interests at 9:30 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999.

Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody, J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

Neal P. Brodsky, Esq. (VSB #29057)

L.B. Mann, III, Esq.
Counsel for Petitioner
LeClair Ryan, P.C.
999 Waterside Drive, Suite 2025
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
(757) 624-1454

uary, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999.

Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody, J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., Petitioner v.

SENEGAL SENGHOR, individually; BETTY CARRINGTON, individually; LEON T. CARRINGTON, SR., individually; GLORIA WYNN, individually; RONALD LEO BAGBY, individually; ALBERT CARRINGTON, III, individually; LEGRAND BAGBY, individually; RONALD P. SIMMONS, individually; FRANKLIN FREEMAN, individually; JOHN W. CARRINGTON, JR., individually; JAMES BAGBY, individually; Address Unknown

and Any and All unknown heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, successors and assigns of James Bagby, parties in possession, and Unknown Parties, Respondents.

Chancery No. CH99-2796

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above styled suit is for declaratory relief, to quiet title to real property, for the sale of real property of a person under a disability, and for partition, all pertaining to 11.49 acres of undeveloped real property located on the South side of Mapleton-Lynnhaven Road near the intersection with Magic Hollow Boulevard in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, all as more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed in the captioned proceedings.

AND IT APPEARING BY Affidavit of WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., filed in accordance with the provisions of Va. Code §8.01-316 (1950, as amended) that the following Respondent, JAMES BAGBY, cannot be located, and that there may be PARTIES UNKNOWN, of unknown residence, who may claim an interest in the subject real property as the heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, descendants, successors and/or assigns of James Bagby; and, there may be PARTIES UNKNOWN, who are tenants, claimants, or others who may claim an interest in and to the subject real property, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the said JAMES BAGBY, and any and all HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF JAMES BAGBY, and any all PARTIES IN POSSESSION OF the Property or claiming any right, title, or interest of any kind in and to the Property, and ALL PARTIES UNKNOWN do appear at or before a hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on January 7, 2000, in the Circuit Court of Virginia Beach, located at 2305 Judicial Boulevard, The Judicial Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9002, and take appropriate action to establish his or her interest in the subject real estate and do what is necessary to protect his or her interest in this matter, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper published and in general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Upon completion of such publication, the Clerk is directed to file a Certificate in these proceedings, certifying that the requirements of Va. Code §8.01-317 have been complied with.

Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Circuit Court Judge
Date: 11/18/99

Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody, J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

Neal P. Brodsky, Esq. (VSB #29057)

L.B. Mann, III, Esq.
Counsel for Petitioner
LeClair Ryan, P.C.
999 Waterside Drive, Suite 2025
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
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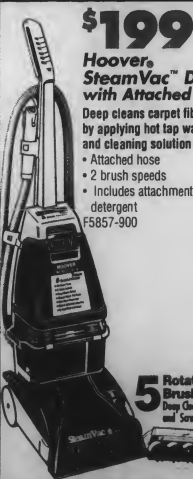
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Kay Cole James named Only in Va. Beach

Jeffrey L. McWaters, chairman of Amerigroup's board of directors, announced that Kay Cole James has been appointed to the company's board.

In making the announcement, McWaters said, "Kay is an exceptional leader in addressing issues that affect all Americans, especially the populations we serve—low-income moms and kids. The Amerigroup board will benefit from her extensive experience in health care, education, welfare reform and public policy."

For more than 20 years, James has been active in the development, implementation and analysis of American public policy. She is currently the senior fellow for The Citizenship Project at The Heritage Foundation, a leading research and educational institute. In this post, James helps direct Heritage's initiatives to promote civic responsibility.

She previously served as the secretary of health and human resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia, a position to which Gov. George Allen appointed her in January 1994. Her priorities included developing and implementing Virginia's welfare reform initiative and administering the commonwealth's health care agencies and services for the elderly, disabled and mentally ill.

James also served as a commissioner on the National Commission on Children. She was appointed to this position by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 and reappointed by President George Bush in 1989. In addition, she was appointed in 1988 to the White House Task Force on the Black Family.

In the private sector, she was the executive vice president and chief operating officer with the One to One Partnership, a national organization for mentoring programs.



Kay Cole James

James has also served as director of personnel for Circuit City Stores, Inc., and director of community education and development for Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

James was a member of the Fairfax County and the Virginia State Boards of Education and currently serves on the board of directors of PhyCor Inc., a physician-management company headquartered in Nashville.

She has published two works: an autobiography, "Never Forget," in 1993 and most recently, "Transforming America: From the Inside Out," in 1995.

A graduate of Hampton University, James has received numerous honorary degrees and awards, including the William Witherforce Award from Prison Fellowship and the Publius Institute Award for Public Policy at the University of Virginia.

She and her husband, Charles, currently reside in Chesapeake. They have three children.

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter
Only in Virginia Beach, said councilman Linwood Branch III noted at the City Council meeting Tuesday, can you have a \$300 million center city project and a rooftop putt-putt golf course on the same agenda.

That was after council by a vote of 6-4 approved a conditional use permit for a miniature golf facility that will be located on the rooftop over a Subway restaurant and retail shops at the southwest corner of Atlantic Avenue and 18th Street. Against Putt-putt were councilmembers Margaret Eure, W.W. Harrison Jr., Barbara Henley and Don Weeks. Councilwoman Nancy Parker abstained.

Said Harrison, "The balls would go off the roof."

Issues raised by city planner Stephen White were protection of those using the facility from falls from the roof and the protection of those at street level from objects falling from the roof.

The applicant, Telbebe Brothers said the building was designed to support a second floor and a buffer of five feet will be maintained between the edge of the golf course and the perimeter of the rooftop.

A railing will be installed at the edge of the golf course and a second aluminum rail will be installed at the rooftop level of the building between the existing raised wall sections along the parapet.

Nominations open for top volunteers

Nomination forms are being accepted for the 2000 Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Awards. Sponsored annually by VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, the awards ceremony recognizes the countless volunteers who selflessly serve the Hampton Roads community each year, enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Forms are available by calling VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads at 624-2400 or visiting the agency's page on HamptonRoads.com. The address for the nomination form is <http://groups.hamptonroads.com/volunteer>.

Nominations must be received by Monday, Jan. 17. The awards will be presented on Thursday, April 13 at a gala event held at the Norfolk Marriott. Awards will be presented a variety of categories include individual volunteers, youth volunteers, corporate volunteers and military volunteers.

For more information contact VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, 624-2400.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge is seeking a volunteer to lead community service work projects on the refuge. Community service enrollees are generally teens referred by the courts or by area schools to perform a specific number of hours of community work to satisfy sentence requirements for minor violations, or to meet school curriculum requirements.

Work assignments will mainly be performed outdoors, and include such things as trail maintenance, facility repairs, minor carpentry projects, painting and other maintenance oriented tasks. The selected volunteer(s) may supervise anywhere from one to six community service enrollees on any given assignment.

The ideal candidate should have a background in facility/grounds maintenance or small construction, and skill in the safe use of common hand and power tools. He/she should also have an interest in working with teenagers, have the skill and ability to perform as a working supervisor, and enjoy working outdoors. A valid Virginia driver's license is required. The person(s) selected should be available long-term, with availability during the refuge's regularly scheduled community service time block of 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. This is a flexible position, which can be shared by more than one individual. During the summer months, the Refuge's community service program expands to include Wednesday morning enrollees. Interested individuals can contact Refuge Outdoor Recreation Planner Walt Tegge, 721-2412.

Creative art camp cures cabin fever

Winter blahs got you down or are the kids going stir crazy during their holiday break from school? ArtZone presents Winter Break Art Adventure Camp, a week-long celebration counting down to the Millennium through artistic entertainment and education.

Designed for children ages 4 to 16, the creative camp will take place Monday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at ArtZone in Hilltop North in Virginia Beach. Early and late departures can be arranged in advance. Daily and week-long registration is available.

ArtZone's Winter Break Art Adventure Camp will use the magic mixture of art history and kid imagination. Age appropriate hands-on creative activities for the week include:

- Building a city of the past and future;

- Staging a Chinese New Year parade complete with a dragon;
- Inventing a multicultural orchestra;
- Creating a time capsule;
- Creating a snapshot of themselves and the world as they see it in 1999; and
- Many, many other activities to countdown the final days of 1999!

Week-long camp registration is \$199 per child and includes all art supplies, lunch, juice and two snacks daily. In addition, daily registration is available for \$39 per child per day and includes all art supplies, but does not include lunch, juice or snacks. Children are requested to bring a lunch and a snack for the days they will be attending. Space is limited. Registration is required and can be made by calling, 437-3700.

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Sports exams

All Independence Middle School students planning to try out for spring sports need to obtain an Interscholastic Sport Physical Examination. They will be held at the Independence Middle School cafeteria on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5. The Virginia Beach Middle School League Physical Examination form must be completed and signed by a parent prior to the exam. Forms are available at the main office prior to the exam or in the cafeteria during the time of the exam. Contact Bill Lawrence, 460-7500, for more information.

Storybook Theater

A Storybook Theater presented by Susan Corbitt will be held at the Central Library Storytime Room, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd. on Saturdays, Jan. 8 and 22 and Feb. 12 and 26. Programs are intended for children ages 8 to 11. Registration is limited to 20. Registration can be made by phone (437-6450) or walk-in at the Central Library Administration office beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30 for January programs and Thursday, Jan. 27 for February series.

Friends' Book Sale

The Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library will hold their Semi-Annual Used Book Sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1 and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion in Virginia Beach. Books available will cover all subjects and prices are very low (\$1 for hardback books; 50 cents for paperback books). Admission is free and there is no limit to the number of books that can be purchased. For more information call, 427-4321.

Wellness fair

Learn health and safety information for the entire family at Seateck Recreation Center's Wellness and Safety Fair on Saturday, Jan. 15 from noon to 4 p.m. Information available will include senior care, child safety issues such as car seats, poison control, wellness seminars and preventive medicine. You will also be able to speak to doctors and specialists in the health care field. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call, 437-4858.

Coffee and cake

Meet to discuss a book and enjoy coffee and cake with your conversation at Seateck Recreation Center's monthly event, beginning Jan. 10 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The group meets on the second Monday of each month. The Coffee and Cake Conversation is open to adults age 18 and older for just \$2 a month. For more information call, 437-4858.

Call for artists

Applications will be available on Feb. 1 for the Princess Anne Park Art and Craft Festival, to be held Aug. 5-6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at Princess Anne Park in Virginia Beach. Some \$1,500 in prize money to be awarded. Art/craft work must be of original design and handcrafted by the exhibiting artist. Acceptance/rejection decisions are made by a jury, based on the submission of four color slides of art work. Cost is \$10 application processing fee; \$100 booth space fee if accepted.

Call Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation, 471-5884, to request an application or visit the City-Wide Programs Office, 2289 Lynnhaven Pkwy.

Cookies 2000

The Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast 2000 Girl Scout cookie sale begins Saturday, Jan. 8. Eight varieties will include Striped Chocolate Chip, ThinMints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Lemon Drop and reduced fat Apple Cinnamon. Cookies will be sold for \$3 per box with proceeds going to local Girl Scouts. Order from a Girl Scout or by calling 340-YUMM. Cookies will be delivered, beginning in late February. Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast, a United Way agency, serves nearly 16,000 girls in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina.

Urban League

The Urban League of Hampton Roads will sponsor its 16th annual Martin Luther King Community Leaders Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 17 in the Webb Center Cafeteria of Old Dominion University. This marks the first year that the MLK Community Leaders Breakfast will be held at Old Dominion University. Beginning 2000 the breakfast will be held alternately between ODU and Norfolk State University.

Thousands count blessings during Christmas dinner to the community



AN IMMOVABLE FEAST. Members of the Newport News-based Teen Challenge Ministries, including Bill Bullman, Butch Lusk and David Williams, enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the Christmas dinner with new friend Vanessa Alexandria Parker.

Helping hand extended to elderly, less fortunate

By Colleen Holmes
Correspondent

Constance Ann Kintner had other plans for last Tuesday evening, but when she saw a large bus roll through her neighborhood she knew her plans would change.

Kintner immediately realized that the bus was there to convey guests to the Operation Blessing Christmas dinner, and she did not want to be left out.

She was one of nearly 4,500 members of the Hampton Roads community who attended the dinner at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. In its 18th year, the Christmas dinner, free of charge to the area's elderly, homeless, poor and disabled, has become a Hampton Roads holiday tradition.

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Beach artisan is 'nuts' for her craft

Mary Myers' studio busy as Santa's workshop

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

She's known simply as "The Nutcracker Lady."

Since June, Virginia Beach resident Mary Myers has been working feverishly to ensure that others have a very merry Christmas.

Right now she's probably huddled in her folksy studio catching up on holiday preparations for her own family's Christmas celebration. The last orders for custom-made nutcrackers have been shipped far away, and the house is tidy after hosting the recent Cape Henry Woman's Club holiday home tour.

Now it's downhill all the way as Myers looks forward to a clean slate as January stretches out before her. It will be her "slow" time, offering precious moments to catch up on her designs.

"I'm real tired — I feel like I'm one of Santa's helpers," she admitted. Myers' passion for creating nutcrackers was born of necessity.

"I was collecting them, but none ever seemed to look old enough to me," she said.

So Myers put ingenuity to work and made her own. Husband Earl turned the basic shape on a lathe, then Myers painted the creation to her liking with an aged patina.

When a buyer from the American Museum of Folk Art in New York City saw the novice's creation, she was instantly impressed.

The buyer ordered two dozen nutcrackers on the spot.



CARVING HER NICHE. Mary Myers is at home in her Lynnhaven Colony studio making collectible nutcrackers sold mostly through mail order.

Myers, then a Montessori teacher, saw the opportunity to earn a little extra cash. That was 11 years ago and countless nutcrackers later. Today, Myers' work is licensed and appears in three dozen magazines. Her work was the topic of a cover story for *Home* magazine in December '98/January '99.

It usually takes eight hours for Myers to craft one nutcracker. She produces about 600 per year.

Fortunately, she doesn't have to travel far to work. Myers' studio is on the second floor of her saltbox-style home in Lynnhaven Colony. Since she does such a strong mail order business and commissioned work, Myers no longer has to teach school.

"I'm up here pretty much from morning to night. I come down to make dinner and do the laundry," she smiled.

Though she spends hours working in

solitude, the softspoken Myers said her work has brought much personal growth. She particularly enjoys talking to her devoted customers on the phone. Often they're from thousands of miles away.

Myers does little retail business, except for the Williamsburg Foundation. The local market isn't right for her collectibles.

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Sit right back for a five hour tour

Terra-gator is on a roll through False Cape State Park in winter

By Colleen Holmes
Correspondent

Hampton Roads residents don't have to travel far this winter for outdoor adventures.

Park officials at False Cape State Park offer nature enthusiasts the opportunity to observe wildlife in their natural habitat from the "Terra-gator," a beachmobile equipped with 56-inch tires to navigate the largely undisturbed terrain.

False Cape State Park, nestled in Back Bay National Wildlife refuge, consists of a mile-wide barrier between Back Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The area cannot accommodate automobiles, but visitors can access the park on foot, bicycle or by boat.

According to Virginia's Department of

Recreation and Conservation, False Cape acquired a reputation as a ship's nightmare in the early 1800s. The area got its name because it resembles Cape Henry. Thus, ships would often enter the cape, believing it to be Cape Henry, and encounter difficulties in its shallow waters.

The park offers one of the few remaining undeveloped and relatively undisturbed natural habitats along the East Coast. The Terra-gator allows large groups to tour the preserve with little disruption to the habitat.

The vehicle is a prototype, modeled after a piece of agricultural machinery used to irrigate and fertilize crops with little disruption to the soil. Although it



CHURNING ALONG. The Terra-gator is on the prowl at False Cape State Park.

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Commentary

Happy holidays to all

The holiday season is a time of tradition — when families draw together, reaffirming well-loved customs and fundamental beliefs. The words "Christmas," "Hanukkah" and "Kwanzaa" bring to mind warm and wonderful memories and deep, abiding hopes.

In spite of the myriad of problems facing many people today, the holiday spirit gives strength to all of us. If people can fashion that spirit into a way of life — a direction in which they travel every day — a more peaceful world is possible.

This is not a dream, but something that is within reach. If people could apply the same unselfishness, forgiveness and understanding that they feel during this season to situations that arise at home, business world and community throughout the year, it would be taking a great step toward making the spirit a year-round influence.

All should try to carry the attitudes at this season into all activities during the coming year. The lives of those all around will be richer and fuller.

May the holidays be satisfying, and may you find the peace of mind and heart which lies within your reach.

Christmas cancels war

Editor's note: The following is based on an eyewitness account of an incident that occurred the day before Christmas at the Western Front during World War I:

As if by some miracle, the shelling stopped and the mortar and rifle fire ceased.

Only silence...

But the stillness was broken by men of the North Staffordshire Regiment, who exchanged "words of good cheer" with the enemy. Men from Britain and Germany talked to one another across No Man's Land!

A British officer suggested a Volkslied (folk song).

The Germans sang...

Everyone agreed to a truce until midnight of Christmas day.

Both sides cut through the barbed wire and walked in each other's trenches, exchanging food and talking and photographing one another.

Some Germans sang "Home Sweet Home" followed by a hymn.

In another part of the trenches, some German soldiers left their positions to offer Christmas greetings to a group of Scots. An officer tried to stop them, but the Germans said, "But this is Christmas..."

At midnight, both Germans and Britons fired warning shots as if to say, "Return to the trenches behind your own lines."

Gradually, the business of trying to kill the enemy returned to normal. But the soldiers on both sides knew that Christmas is not a normal time. It can cancel out war — if only for a day.

The one time

"I have long thought of Christmas, when it has come 'round, as a good time: forgiving, charitable, time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely; and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave; and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And so as Tiny Tim said: 'A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us, everyone.'" — Charles Dickens.

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Tis the season for all Americans

"We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year..." Bet you thought that's the way that beloved

Carol goes. Well, if Reg- is or anyone else asks you if that's your final answer, ask for your lifetime and call your most politically-correct friend.

That's right. In case you hadn't heard, "Merry Christmas" has just

joined the long list of politically-incorrect no-nos. The speech police are finally, as my daughter would say, getting on my last nerve.

I'd say "what's next?", but I'm afraid to. If wishing one another a Merry Christmas can offend, then there is no limit to this super sanctimonious silliness. But, this time, I'm not laughing.

After all, Christmas is a humble carpenter who changed the whole world for the better by bringing a message of hope, universal love and brotherhood. I am convinced we will only weaken our cultural bond by refusing to acknowledge the significance of this holiest of men who symbolizes every value upon which our nation was founded.

To my Jewish friends, whom I cherish, I likewise resent losing the freedom to wish a "Happy Hanukkah." Through those words I can express my joy at the deliverance of their faith from the tribulations visited far too often upon men of good will, especially their ancestors, throughout

human history. Somehow, "Happy Holiday" falls far short of conveying that profound joy.

The same holds true for every celebration of God's love for humankind as expressed in the faiths of Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism as well. Whenever and wherever men's hearts soften toward one another and the spiritual becomes paramount, we are all benefactors, believers and non-believers alike.

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Don't get me wrong. The celebration of specific religious rites is inappropriate in the public square, whether that forum is a public school or city hall. We can not extend religious freedom to all our citizens if we compel one another to participate in any sect's ordained form of worship.

But, at its core, Merry Christmas simply means I wish for you the abiding love embodied in the message of Jesus of Nazareth, which was a message for all mankind: Gentiles and Jews, friends and foes, brethren and strangers, men and women, young and old, rich and poor, and the weak and strong in equal measure. There is absolutely nothing in the words "Merry Christmas" that calls upon its speaker or recipient to practice any organized religion, including Christianity itself.

Words matter. Look at the mess

our culture has wrought by failing to recognize how the widespread acceptance of profanity would only coarsen our public life. Our music has lost its beauty, our films their inspiration and our dialogue no longer challenges our minds or calls us to our higher selves. Any idiot can string slang together, but only men of wisdom can express the human spirit with clarity and meaning.

Especially in America, it is a mistake to miss the deeper meaning imbued in our wishing one another a Merry Christmas. It is unwilling to wish for each other a life filled with love, justice, compassion, tolerance and brotherhood, what people will?

In fairness, those of us that profess the Christian faith should not be totally surprised by the new hypersensitivity to an expression as innocent as Merry Christmas. Those who have persisted in dragging the holy name of Christ into the mud of our political arena have rawnaken ancient fears among non-Christians that America could be slipping back into the horror of Christian tolerance that characterized far too much of the past.

But, the paranoia of Christian fundamentalists that believe our government is trying to undermine their religion by prohibiting sectarian prayer in schools does not justify the paranoia of others. Wishing each other "Merry Christmas" is not some kind of subtle message intended to foster intolerance for the religious beliefs of non-Christians and, therefore, for them.

So, I wish everyone a spiritual season full of love, brotherhood, hope and joy — a time when we remember that it is how we treat one another that is the only human measure, and that those who wrong us are as deserving of our love as those who shower us with affection. In short, I wish my fellow Americans of every faith a very Merry Christmas.

Christmas in Dublin

From time to time I have mentioned the fact that I was raised in a small town in the deep South called Dublin, Ga. The population was

around 11,000 and it was a quiet town. Crime was rare in Dublin, but there were a famous murder or two which made the headlines.

Back in those days you could actually leave your doors unlocked, which you wouldn't dare do today. Everybody knew everybody else, and at Christmas time there was great excitement along the main street. Firecrackers were legal then and all of the grocery stores would put up stands on the street to sell firecrackers and fruit.

Some citizens would also put up stands and you could smell the fruit from a far distance. The whole street would be lined with firecrackers and fruit stands. I can't remember anybody selling Christmas trees. There were many farms around Dublin and trees were plentiful. All you had to do was obtain permission from the land owner and cut whatever kind of tree you desired.

There were pine trees, cedar and holly. Mistletoe was easy in those days people usually used the pine or cedar for their Christmas trees but I think the most unique and beautiful Christmas tree that I have ever seen was a big holly tree which is unheard of today.

This tree was about 10-feet tall with spreading branches and was decorated with shiny tinsel, all blue lights and various other objects such as candy canes and bells of all descriptions. I have never seen anything like it since then.

The churches in Dublin always made a big thing of Christmas, much as it is done today. But there was something special about Christmas in Dublin. A lot of love seemed to fill their air Christmas, much as it did all the year round — but more so during the holidays.

Dublin has grown so much since I lived there and it is hard to imagine what it was like in those days. Many of my friends and relatives have passed on but I still keep in touch with some of those that are left.

In the twilight of my life I have some wonderful memories. But I do believe that the greatest memories of them all is Christmas in Dublin. Merry Christmas and welcome to the real world.

You read it here!

Counting blessings at Christmas

Christmas, Christmas time is here. A time for joy, a time for cheer.

Merry Christmas, dear readers. It's that time of year again when thoughts turn to Christmases past, old and new friends, good fortune and hopes for a happy future.

The other day I was looking through some old binderbooks here at the office, reflecting on past issues in my search for a particular article.

Then it struck me. It has been six years since I first walked through the doors here at the Chesapeake Post, Virginia Beach Sun and Portsmouth Times in November 1993. Being in the news industry, I'm keenly aware of the passage of time, but somehow the six-year marker had slipped by without me noticing.

Now we stand at the threshold of a new decade, new century and, yes, even a new millennium. Suddenly, I feel very old, but thankful, too.

Taking the job here was a big move for me. Though I'm a Norfolk native born and bred, I went off to college in North Carolina at age 17, graduated at 21 and landed my first job at a newspaper in Emporia. It's actually one of our sister publications.

Ah, the big world! I had my own apartment which, though just \$200 a month in rent, was grand to me. I had a car, freedom and youth on my side.

And every weekend I would come home to Norfolk to see my mother and boyfriend, Evan, now my husband.

Life was good. About nine months later I got a promotion to editor of our Brunswick County newspaper, which was probably the most difficult job I've had. Later, I worked in radio while still living in Emporia.

But the heartstrings kept tugging me, bringing me home to Norfolk every weekend.

That's when divine providence entered, and my boss, Jamie, offered me the editorship of these three newspapers in Hampton Roads. I've been "home" every since.

It had been a long time since I'd lived in Hampton Roads. After four years in college and three years in Emporia, I was unfamiliar with the roads here and got thoroughly lost on my way to the office the first day. It took me an hour to get here, though today it's just a 15-minute ride away.

The job sounded daunting — editing three weeklies in three big cities. Until that point I'd been in Smalltown USA.

Six years later, I can say this is certainly home — again — and I love the people here. That's why at Christmas I'm counting my blessings.

I thank goodness for having a flexible job which allows me time for my child. And I love the fact that I can take Mitch, our 14-month-old, to so many of the family-related events which I cover on the weekends and evenings.

I thank goodness for having joyful coworkers who work as a team, and a boss who is more of a friend and father than, well, a boss.

I thank goodness for the opportunity to meet so many good and decent people through my work. In my reporting capacity for community newspapers, I encounter the kind of people that I wish all aspire to be — volunteers, helpers, selfless givers, movers and shakers.

And I meet down-home types who welcome me to their clubs and organizations with regularity. Folks like the Deep Creek Rurians, who presented me with a Rudy Bear teddy for my new baby. Or the folks from the city of Portsmouth who surprised me at an office baby shower. Or the folks who write thank-you notes when they read a story about them.

I thank goodness for the people who read our newspapers, which continue to provide community news and positive notice about the area in which we live. We're weeklies, but we're still a voice for the people often overlooked by the larger media outlets.

I thank goodness for the people who call just to inquire how we're doing, or how my little boy and husband are faring. Or to make some comment on this column or those of my fellow columnists and correspondents.

I thank goodness that I can indulge the one ability which I truly love — writing. And I pray that it will always be my livelihood.

Thanks, dear readers, for making this a good six years. As we ring out the year and celebrate the Christ child's birth, may you all count your blessings, too.

Happy holidays.

I thank goodness for having joyful

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CASA volunteers are 'eyes and ears' for children in court

The Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program was established in Virginia Beach in 1988 and currently operates under the administration of the Virginia Beach Appointed Special Advocates, a private not-for-profit organization.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyers Oberdorf

For children whose custody must be decided by the court due to abuse or neglect, CASA provides screening, training and supervision to volunteers who are then assigned a case involving a severely abused and/or neglected child (or children) by the Judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

The role of the CASA volunteer is to carefully research the background of the child and to serve as the "child's voice in court," helping the judge decide whether to return the child to his or her parents, place the child in foster care or consider the child for adoption. They serve as the "eyes and ears of the court" and make recommendations to the presiding judge each time the child's case comes in court for hearing or review. Their goal is to help ensure that the child can grow up in a safe, permanent home.

These volunteers make recommendations about the children's placements and follow through on the cases, monitoring the court's dispositions to make sure all parties are in compliance with the court's orders. The CASA volunteer provides fresh insight and an independent perspective in the case, and the ongoing involvement keeps a child from getting "lost" in the red tape of agency procedures. Their recommendations are made after interviewing the child/children, as well as the parents, other family members, foster parents, teachers, social workers and any other professionals, such as physicians and therapists. After the judge makes a decision in the case, and between periodic court reviews of the matter, the CASA volunteer usually continues to advocate for the children and monitor the children's environment until such time as the cases are permanently resolved in court.

Volunteers can remain on a case for six months to two years, depending on the type of placement needed for the most effective implementation of the needs of the children. Only when it is relatively certain that the child will not be subjected to further abuse or neglect will the CASA's involvement in the matter be terminated.

The Virginia Beach CASA program is one of 25 programs in Virginia and approximately 800 programs nationwide. New training classes are provided at least twice a year. Since its inception, CASA volunteers have represented the interests of more than 650 abused and/or neglected children.

CASA staff consists of a director and a part-time coordinator, with volunteers also assisting in administrative, public relations and clerical capacities. While the city provides the CASA program with offices, access to certain city services and administrative support, all funding for staff and program costs is currently provided by grants and foundations.

The role of the CASA volunteer is to carefully research the background of the child and to serve as the "child's voice in court."

This volunteer experience is obviously not for everyone because of the time, training and commitment required. However, those CASA volunteers who have demonstrated this special motivation are providing the most helpless of all our citizens, our abused children, with a loud voice in the court process. Their reward is the satisfaction of knowing that they have possibly, and probably, made a significant difference in that child's life. There are, at present, 23 trained volunteers in this program.

On behalf of the city of Virginia Beach, I am proud that we have a program such as CASA and grateful to the many volunteers who express their concern and commitment to children in such a magnanimous way. It is especially heartwarming, during this holiday season, to know of a program that works full-time on behalf and for the safety of our children.

If you think you would like to volunteer for this great program or just wish to get more information call, 426-5616.

Edith Duggan, director of the city's Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, contributed to this column.

Know fraud when you see, hear it

Many Virginians have picked up their phones and heard these words, "You're a finalist," "You've won," "You're our grand prize winner," "You're entitled to a generous sum of money."



Guest Columnist

By Virginia Attorney General Mark L. Barley

desire for good fortune to scam them. To help prevent these crimes I am proud of this office's partnership in the "Know Fraud" initiative. The goal of this program is to help inform citizens of scams so they can avoid being victimized.

The United States Postal Service has mailed a postcard to more than 120 million homes to inform consumers and encourage them to protect themselves from con artists. The card includes information about scams as well as the warning signs of a fraudulent offer.

In conjunction with the postcard initiative, I urge Virginians to Hang It Up! Tear It Up! and Don't Open It

Up! If someone calls you on the phone, says you have won a prize, and asks for your social security number, credit card or bank account information, Hang It Up!

If you get a letter in the mail with an offer that sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Tear It Up!

If a stranger shows up at your door asking to come inside to verify your identification, or for any reason, Don't Open It Up!

These three simple steps can go a long way to help combat fraud. Anyone can be a victim of fraud. Con artists know that many elderly people live on fixed incomes and a financial boost is sometimes the offer of a lifetime. Statistics show that older adults are targeted more frequently than other citizens and, therefore, we must remember to look out for our elderly neighbors, friends, and family members.

Protect yourselves against scams. Do not be bullied into buying a product or sending money. Be sure that any transfer of information over the phone or through the mail is your decision. Do not send money or your social security number in response to sweepstakes or prize offerings. Place your "Know Fraud" postcard near your phone to help determine whether someone is trying to scam you.

The best way to cut down on fraud is to be informed and refuse to be victimized.

For more information about the Know Fraud initiative visit www.consumer.gov/know/fraud on the Internet or call the Know Fraud toll free hotline, 1-877-987-3728.

Up close and personal Charlotte Bachran: All decked out

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Charlotte Bachran takes "decking the halls" seriously. She's the one others turn to for that festive holiday touch in their homes, not to mention on their front doors.

By Christmas Eve she's practically worked her fingers to the bone. Bachran is the custom wreath maker for McDonald Garden Center on Portsmouth Blvd., where she designs 10 to 20 wreaths a day.

She was working at a Great Neck real estate office when the opportunity to make a major life change presented itself.

"One of my former co-worker's wives works here at McDonald. We were going to decorate the office for Christmas and went by McDonald to get all the stuff. I had never been there before and thought it was the most beautiful place. I fell in love with it. I kept thinking about it until the opportunity presented itself to quit work and go back to school," she said.

Bachran earned an associate's degree in horticulture from Tidewater Community College, then saw a job opening for McDonald. She has been with the business for 10 years and has been making wreaths for as long as she can remember.

"I'd been working with the annuals and perennials when I learned that in the winter they made wreaths. I told them, 'Whatever ya'll want me to do I'll do it.' I haven't even taken any classes in floral design."

Regardless, there are now four employees turning out the wreaths, centerpieces and other decorations.

She mused, "It's kind of like the blind leading the blind."

Bachran's background in fine arts from earlier studies at the University of Louisville (Ky.), however, do come in handy. She's even called upon to host wreath-making demonstrations for local groups.

Working with artificial and pine wreaths and evergreens, Bachran said there's a big demand this year for angels and snowmen. But those who want the glitz "go for the gold," she smiled. "Then there are those who are the purists and enjoy the Williamsburg look. That's not easy. I made one of those arches to go over a door last year and it was heavy — but very pretty."

Bachran said that fresh greens are about as equally popular as the artificial variety and that many people get both, one for the fragrance and the other for the permanency. It takes up to an hour to create some of the more elaborate designs.

She has developed a listing clientele. One woman brings in a Lenox sleigh each year for Bachran to create a centerpiece in, another has a grapevine reindeer basket which Bachran dresses up.

The crafter extends her talents to her own home, though this year Bachran hasn't had time to put up a big Christmas tree yet.

"But I think I have a centerpiece in every room of the house — even the bathroom," she mused.

Name: Charlotte Rose Bachran.

What brought you to this area: My husband was in the Navy, now retired, and we transferred here from Key West, Fla.

Hometown: Bardonia, Ky., a small town about 40 miles from Louisville.

Age: 50, but I've been going backward for so long that I think I'm 32 now.

Nickname: Short Rose. My middle name is Rose and I'm short.

Occupation: Designer, McDonald Garden Center.

Marital Status: Married. Will be 20 years in March.

Children: None.

Favorite movies: "Dune," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "The Long Trailer" and "Braveheart."

Magazines I read regularly: Country Home, Country Living and Martha Stewart Living.



"One of my former co-worker's wives work here at McDonald. We were going to decorate the office for Christmas and went by McDonald to get all the stuff. I had never been there before."

Charlotte Bachran

Favorite authors: John Grisham, Stephen King, Frank Herbert and Clive Barker.

Favorite night out on the town: Enjoying a movie and a meal with friends at The Commodore.

Favorite restaurant: Kyoto Japanese Steak House.

Favorite meal and beverage: Sushi with sake, miso soup and green tea, then cheesecake for dessert.

What most people don't know about me: I'm not as mean as I pretend to be.

Best thing about myself: Collecting homeless animals and homeless plants and helping them thrive.

Worst habit: Forgetting to slow down and enjoy the moment.

Pets: Five cats: Clifford, Bo, Barney, Xavier and Hampton; and one dog, Penny.

Hobbies: Designing stained glass windows, porcelain painting and scouring neighborhood antique shops.

Ideal vacation: I haven't had one in so long that I can't remember. But I love visiting museums and Botanical Gardens.

Pet peeves: Telemarketers, rudeness in any form, and my husband's messy workshop.

First job: Waitress at a local restaurant, The Talbot Tavern.

Least liked job: Secretary in a real estate office.

Favorite sports team: I haven't a clue.

Favorite musicians: Allman Brothers, Eric Clapton, Creed, Metallica, Etta James and B.B. King.

Most embarrassing moment: Falling at work and having to explain the accident in detail — with injuries — to the purchasing department manager with whom I had a huge crush.

How I would like to be remembered: For all the homeless animals I've rescued and found homes.

If I received \$1 million: I'd have a lot more dogs and probably a few horses, and an Expedition.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would encourage owners to have their pets spayed or neutered.

Whale of an adventure awaits on water

Here's a chance to see some of the most magnificent creatures on earth right here in Virginia waters! The Virginia Marine Science Museum will host its annual whale watching boat trips from Saturday, Jan. 8 through Sunday, March 5 on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Leaving from the Virginia Beach Fishing Center at Rudee Inlet, whale watchers will search for juvenile humpback and fin whales in their natural habitat off the coast of Virginia Beach. Whale sightings are not guaranteed.

Each two-hour excursion is narrated by a trained museum interpreter while experienced volunteers show whale artifacts and answer questions. During the whale watching boat trips, participants also have the opportunity to see a variety

of winter wildlife, local landmarks such as the historic Cape Henry Lighthouse, as well as international shipping traffic and U.S. Navy maneuvers. Humpback and fin whales have made the food-rich waters at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay an annual winter destination. The migration of the humpback whales begins early each fall when they travel from the northern Atlantic waters to the warmer tropical waters of the Caribbean where adults mate and breed.

Researchers believe that the sexually immature humpbacks stay off the coast of Virginia to take advantage of the milder winter temperatures and ample food supply, including menhaden and other small fish. In the spring, when older

members return, the younger whales rejoin them and head back up north. The museum will also host winter wildlife boat trips from Dec. 27-30 daily and Jan. 1-7 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Visitors will explore the diversity of Virginia's winter wildlife including bird and possible whale sightings. Guests on the twilight trips also will be treated to the city's holiday lights display at Camp Pendleton. Whale sightings not guaranteed.

Beginning Dec. 26, visitors can also see these larger-than-life creatures at the museum in the two-dimensional IMAX film, "Whales." This spectacular film allows visitors to experience the underwater world that influences and guides navigation, feeding, breed-

ing and socialization of blue, humpback, orca and right whales. Movie-goers watch as whales travel between their northern feeding and southern breeding grounds. Call 425-FISH (3474) for a daily schedule.

The boat trip is \$14 for adults and \$12 for children (ages 1-11). Fees are payable at time of departure. For trip information and reservations call 437-BOAT (2628) beginning Dec. 16. Trips are subject to cancellation due to unsafe boating conditions. Special charters are also available by calling the museum's Group Sales Office at 437-6000. Gift certificates may also be purchased in the Group Sales Office in the main museum building daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. only.

Artist is nuts for craft

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"People here just don't want to pay the money for them. They are collectibles, and this is a cheeseburger town," she joked.

Her work, in fact, has been featured in the White House. In 1996, Myers was commissioned to craft a tree topper and ornaments for the Oval Office Christmas tree.

One of the most common questions Myers gets is, "Will they crack nuts?"

She grinned. "Yes, they will crack peanuts and pistachios, only because that's what will fit in their mouths. If I made a mouth large enough for a walnut it would have to be the size of those in the corner," said Myers, gesturing to a three-foot-tall one.

"My nutcrackers are for collectors, kind of like the Beanie Babies," she said.

Myers' office is lined with shelves which bear her many creations. She tries to keep a prototype of each nutcracker, though occasionally she'll have to part with one she loves if a collector really wants it.

"Like just the other day I shipped off 'The Littlest Angel,'" she sighed.

Her designs include patriots and generals, even Robert E. Lee, witches and snowmen, storybook characters, historical figures, angels and, especially at this time of year, Santas.

There's even a Santa dressed in a bathing suit.

"That's for our friends in Florida," she mused.

Characters from "The Wizard of Oz" are popular, but Myers' favorite is "Peter Pan."

To keep up with demand, Myers gets a helping hand from husband Earl, who can be found in his workshop late at night turning out the blocks which will become nutcracker bodies. Myers assembles the nutcrackers and

paints each one. Sometimes she gets help from son Matthew, 27, with the painting.

As devoted as she is to her art, Myers has recently found two new pastimes. One is decoy making, a love which she inherited from her Eastern Shore ancestors. The other is a 5-month-old granddaughter, Myers' first grandchild from daughter Roni.



Photo by Victoria Hebert

NUTCRACKERS 'ON PARADE. Mary Myers' nutcrackers include characters from the Wizard of Oz, whimsical Santas and historical figures.

Thousands count their blessings

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retail store certificates and gift baskets.

While the adults' program was exceptional, according to nine-year-old Christopher Widbee, the children's program, in a room adjacent to the main auditorium, was the place to be. Chris indicated that he most appreciated the food, especially the cookies, and the donut-on-a-string game. Patient, child-headed volunteers entertained and served 456 children.

When the evening came to a close, volunteers mobilized to be sure no one left empty-handed. Each adult received a Rock Power Bible, and each child a Christmas gift. In addition, each family took home a bag of groceries.

"For me personally, it is a blessing, because I was laid off from my job two weeks ago. So now I don't really have Christmas for my daughter, let alone Christmas dinner, so this is really... for me personally, it's wonderful," Kinter commented.

Operation Blessing provided transportation to 1,206 guests through Eddie's Bus Service in Chesapeake. Bus driver Donell Alston made sure his passengers were full of Christmas spirit by the time they arrived at the dinner by decorating his bus with yuletide trimmings, and popping in a "Temptations" Christmas cassette for the ride.

Attending his third Operation

Blessing Christmas Dinner, Alston observed from his unique vantage point how the dinner impacts some of the guests, "I see some people really looking forward to the fellowship they have when they get there," said Alston.

"You hear so much about CBN as a fixture in the community. I think this dinner is an excellent way to see the outreach aspect of CBN," said Alston.

Operation Blessing, founded in 1978, is the humanitarian affiliate of the Virginia Beach-based Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN). The Christmas dinner outreach began in 1982 when CBN employees decided that they would rather the funds for their employee Christmas party go to people less fortunate than they.

Since that time, hundreds of CBN and Operation Blessing employees have served as volunteer hosts, ushers, decorators and cleanup workers.

New Life Christian Fellowship and other area churches and ministries pitched in, providing over 200 volunteers for this year's dinner.

With fresh memories of the smiles and joy this year's dinner brought to so many people, in a few short weeks, the Operation Blessing planning team will begin planning next year's dinner. For more information about Operation Blessing's outreaches, call 226-3917.

Terra-gator is on the prowl

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weighs more than 30,000 tons, according to Gary Waugh, public relations manager for the Virginia Department of Recreation and Conservation, if one of the tires rolled over a person's foot, it would not hurt them.

"It's the coolest thing!" said False Cape State Park employee Barbara Elliott. "I go out on it every chance I get!"

False Cape Park Manager Kyle Barbour indicated that most of the tours during this year, the Terra-gator's first year serving the public, have involved school field trips. The tour is excellent for school groups, nature enthusiasts, or any group interested in learning about the area and its indigenous wildlife. Some of the highlights participants can observe on the tour are the rare birds and waterfowl, the wild horses, and the remains of several shipwrecks.

Park officials are currently in search of a new name for the mam-

moth beachmobile. The current name, "Terra-gator" comes from the agricultural machine after which it is modeled. Children aged 11 to 17 are invited to participate in a naming contest. The student whose suggestion is selected as the vehicle's new name will win a first class tour on the newly named vehicle, and a weekend's stay with his/her family at the State Park of his/her choice.

Park officials invite students to send their entries to False Cape State Park 4001 Sandpiper Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

The Terra-gator operates from Nov. 1 through March 1, because at this time, sea turtles and other marine life are not using the beach heavily. During the spring and summer months when marine life does use the beach heavily, False Cape State Park is accessible by air tram, so the wildlife is not disrupted.

Park officials direct Terra-gator excursions Saturdays and Sundays

from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. Participants must make reservation by calling the Virginia State Parks reservation and information line at 800-933-7275. The vehicle can accommodate 36 people, but each tour must have a minimum of 10 people, or it will be cancelled.

Violet Society hosts meeting

The Tidewater African Violet Society will hold its monthly meeting at Norfolk's St. John Lutheran Church, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. The meeting will include a short program covering advanced grooming techniques for african violets and also a basic floral arranging hands-on workshop.

St. John Lutheran Church is at 8916 Tidewater Dr. in Norfolk. This event and regular meetings of the Tidewater African Violet Society are free.

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Tree honors locals who have perished from AIDS

During the month of December, the Tidewater Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring its seventh annual "AIDS Memorial Tree" at Lynnhaven Mall in Virginia Beach.

The tree adorned with ornaments encrusted with names of local individuals who have died of AIDS, serves as a reminder of the impact that HIV/AIDS has had on Hampton Roads.

On Dec. 1 Virginia Beach Mayor Meyers Oberndorf, presented a special World AIDS Day proclamation to the Tidewater Chapter in front of the tree.

"It was very special to have Mayor Oberndorf kick off the event," said Kirsten Bradley, HIV/AIDS coordinator, American Red Cross, Tidewater Chapter. "AIDS is a devastating disease, and the more we can tell victims' stories, the more awareness we can create here in Hampton Roads."

The tree is a collaborative effort of the Tidewater Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Eastern Virginia Regional AIDS Coalition (EVRAC).



IN MEMORIAM. Virginia Beach Mayor Meyers Oberndorf, right, presented a special World AIDS Day proclamation to Kirsten Bradley of the Tidewater-American Red Cross.

A black and white portrait of a man with glasses, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie with white polka dots. He is smiling slightly. The photo is mounted on a dark background.

*By Bob Ruegsegger,
columnist*

By Dec. 20, Washington has assembled an army of more than 6,000 men on the western bank of the Delaware River. More men and equip-

Washington's men were cold, mis-

By 8 a.m., the column led by Wash-



Within minutes, Washington heard the rattle of gunfire from the direction of River Road, indicating that Sullivan's troops had arrived and were

Washington's bold gamble on a Christmas surprise attack paid off handsomely in a stunning, overwhelming victory. Rall's preoccupation with a Christmas night card game, however, made him a loser and ultimately cost him his life.

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Holiday tour highlights Christmas traditions

By Bob Ruegger
Correspondent

While no historic Christmas tour can promise to entirely recreate the ambience of Christmases past, a group of local residents were afforded an unusual opportunity to board a holiday trolley and sample 300 years of Christmas tradition at selected historic homes throughout the city.

"History After Dark — The Christmas of Long Ago," a program coordinated by the Virginia Beach Department of Museums and sponsored by the Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach Historical Society, helped participants get in touch with some of the Christmas traditions that were a part of old Princess Anne County's antiquity.

Glenda Knowles, president of the society, arranged for the trolley transportation, and the PAC/VB Historical Society provided the funds that covered the transportation costs for the popular evening program.

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Glenda Knowles, president

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"I felt that this was a real contribution that the society could make to the community by funding this sort of sponsoring it," said Knowles. "So the society — the board of governors — agreed to do just that in order that we could offer another program to the community."

"We're just delighted about the response to the offering this afternoon. We think it's a way for the community to know about the Society and also be familiar with the wonderful local history we have," remarked Knowles. "You don't have to jump in a car and drive to Williamsburg, Jamestown, or Yorktown to know what's going on," she said. "Hopefully, in the future, we'll be able to do it again."

Each historic home featured on this unique tour was decorated in holiday finery reminiscent of the historic period that home represented. Included in this early evening tour were the Adam Thoroughgood House, Lynnhaven House, Upper Wolfenare Plantation, and Francis Land House.

Vicki Harvey, education specialist

at the Land House and program coordinator for the tour, was especially pleased with the public support for this year's tour. "This is such a busy time of the year, and there's a lot going on in the area, observed Harvey. "For people to want to take time out to do this (trolley tour) is pretty spectacular. It's a great response," she said.

Program participants boarded the three outbound trolleys with tour guides Glenda Knowles, Joyce Taylor, and Paul Lankford at the Francis Land House and were swept back in time to Christmases of bygone eras.

The initial stop along the way was the Adam Thoroughgood House which has seen well over 300 Christmases since it was built by a descendant of Adam Thoroughgood in about 1680. Jamestown was still the capital of Virginia at that time this house was built, and Virginia was still the heart of the "Wild West."

Pine and holly wreaths hung on the windows and doors of this ancient home. Sprays of holly and cedar were also in evidence. The agreeable scents of cinnamon and rosemary fused with the fragrance of freshly cut pine. Even the painted parlor was accented by a hearth decked with pine boughs and nandina. The portrait of an unknown 17th-century gentleman seemed to cast an approving gaze on the festive scene from his station above the mantelpiece in the parlor.

Next, the trolley threaded its way down the narrow, wooded drive that led to the Lynnhaven House which was believed to have been built by Francis Thelaball in about 1725. By the time this structure was completed, Williamsburg — or Middle Plantation — had become Virginia's second colonial capital.

If Francis and Abigail Thelaball, the early 18th-century residents of Lynnhaven House, were present in spirit, they would have been pleased to know that visitors to their home still experience the ambience of a colonial Christmas.

Period decorations such as a kissing ball made up of ivy, holly and mistletoe along with cedar wreaths accented with apples were in evidence. Elaborate centerpieces fabricated with pineapples symbolized the 18th-century tradition of hospitality in colonial Virginia. Open-hearth cooking has long been featured at the Lynnhaven House.

A Christmas cake, roast venison garnished with rosemary, Sally Lund bread and a Christmas pudding were among the culinary treats displayed.

The third historic home on the holiday tour was Upper Wolfenare Plantation, a property owned and maintained by the PAC/VB Historical Society. Built by Thomas Walke III in 1759, this classic



ALL ABOARD. Tour guide Paul Lankford welcomes Historic Holiday Tour participants in front of the Land House.

Photo by Bob Ruegger



SPONSORING LOCAL HISTORY. Glenda Knowles is president of the Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach Historical Society, the organization that hosted the Historic Holiday Tour.

Georgian mansion offered visitors an opportunity to visit a colonial home constructed only a few years before the American Revolution.



WELCOME. Doug and Eileen Barton provided a certain colonial ambience at Upper Wolfenare Plantation.

Upper Wolfenare was decorated with fresh evergreens, berries, and fruit. These items that would have been readily available gratis to local 17th and 18th-century colonists.

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PARLOR DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS. The elaborate apple and pineapple decorations proclaim the status and wealth of the Land family in colonial Virginia. The pineapple is a symbol of hospitality.



FROM THE HEARTH. An assortment of dishes from the hearth help to kindle the spirit of Christmas at the Lynnhaven House.

Once again, the program participants climbed aboard the waiting trolley and headed back to the elegant gambrel-roofed brick Francis Land House on Virginia Beach Boulevard for a house tour and refreshments.

From 1630 until 1819, six generations of the Land family dwelled on the property if not in the house. The Lands, who ran a prosperous plantation, were among the area's wealthiest and most influential families until Francis Moseley Land died in 1819.

Certain features of the structure of the house and its size attested to the prestige of the family who resided here for generations. Wreaths, sprays, and window treatments fabricated with cotton, lemon, pine, cedar, and pineapples were also visible illustrations of the status of the Land family in old Princess Anne County.

Upon completing a tour of the Land House, the program participants were treated to a taste of 17th- and 18th-century-style refreshments while musical interpreters Anna and Jim Holloway provided traditional Christmas music on recorders.

Audell Davis, a program participant from Davis Wharf on Virginia's Eastern Shore, seemed impressed with the local history she encountered during the tour. "I like to think of connections, and tonight certainly helped me feel connected with helping pass on the values of history and the fun of Christmas," Davis commented.

"It was a lot of fun. It was interesting," said Jerry Mannix. "The darkness of those old homes impressed me the most. Really having to live by candlelight was a task by itself," he observed.

"I am very appreciative to the Princess Anne County Historical Society for...making this happen because this wouldn't have happened without them," said Harvey.



JUST PERFECT. After the Historic Holiday Tour, Paul Lankford, a volunteer tour guide, smiles as Vicki Harvey straightens the ruff of his shirt.



DELFTWARE DECORATION. This Delftware bowl, filled with pinecones, nandina berries and apples, makes an appealing centerpiece at the Thoroughgood House.

Television is still on top

By Kristin Reeg
Correspondent

It's 8:30 p.m. on Thursday night, and Stacy Iam, a Regent University graduate student, decides it's time to take a break from studying. Relaxing in an oversized chair, she picks up the remote and changes the channel to ABC. It's time for "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire."

Iam watches Regis Philbin, the show's host, ask time and time again, "Is that your final answer?" It quickly becomes 9 p.m., but the show is not winding down to a close. "Come on, Regis, this can't be an hour long. I have work to do!" said Iam, as she paces around the room.

Regis continues to ask Al Metz, an attorney from New Jersey, "Are you sure that's your final answer?" Metz's total winnings amounted to \$125,000.

"Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" is quickly becoming the latest craze in network prime time television. According to Nielsen Media Research's Top 20 Household Network Primetime Report, for the week of Nov. 22-28, the show tied for the number one spot with "ER," meaning that more than 17.5 million households watched a single episode of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" and "ER."

With more than 17.5 million households watching "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," it's now wonder why a recent Gallup poll reported that Americans enjoy watching television.

Gallup asked 1,015 people, 18 and older, "What is your favorite way to spend an evening?" Those polled were allowed to give up to

three responses. According to the poll, Americans favorite way to spend an evening is watching television.

"I'm not surprised," said Dorothy Swanson, president and founder of Viewers for Quality Television. "Most people barely remember not having a TV in their home."

Swanson noted that since the Gallup poll question was opened, she was not going to put much stock in the poll because television could have been their third choice. It would be different if they were able to make a qualifying statement and say exactly what shows they preferred to watch.

"I watch TV by what I like, and then I read a book," said Swanson. "I don't like the way they asked the question. It just sort of makes us sound like a nation of couch potatoes."

The results of the Gallup poll have a lot to say about the American society as a whole.

"Personal pleasure and affluence are dominant desires in our society," said Eric Watt, lead pastor of New Life Christian Fellowship in Chesapeake. "The emphasis is on self and not other related. I think we should read more, think more and watch less."

Besides watching television, Americans polled prefer to spend their time with family, reading or dining out.

"My favorite way to spend an evening is out in the wilderness camping with my friends," said Daniel Strickland, a Value Options computer programmer.

In an informal poll taken in various places, most people's number one way to spend an evening was



TUNING IN. Stacy Iam of Virginia Beach is among the majority of Americans who would rather spend their free nights at home watching television.

with family or friends.

"My favorite way to spend an evening is with family, or reading a novel with my wife, Heidi," said Justin Long, web page designer and senior editor for the Network for Strategic Missions.

"If I could choose my favorite way to spend an evening with no restrictions, I would go out for dinner, because I love going out to eat," said Sarah Sharpe, a Regent University graduate student. "Then I would play pool, and do something athletic, not real athletic, something like going for a walk, something relaxing, but entertaining."

Why do Americans spend so

much time watching television?

"Perhaps it is a stress release. It is a tremendous placebo to escape the stresses of the day," said Watt. Gallup originally asked America, "What is your favorite way to spend an evening?" in 1938. Since television was not yet invented, reading and going out to the movies or theatre reached the top of America's favorite pastime list.

In 1960, when Gallup asked the question again, television rated to the top of the list. And this recent poll has proved that television still remains a leisure activity that Americans love.

Kristin Reeg is studying journalism at Regent University.

Millennium Meltdown brings 1999 to exciting close

Young adults have no excuses for boredom this New Year's Eve as London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach presents "Millennium Meltdown" from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The program is designed for singles between 18 and 25 and features a packed schedule of activities, including velcro wall, inflatable boxing, a gladiator jousting, karaoke and all-you-want pizza and soda.

Entertainment at Millennium Meltdown will showcase a "battle of the Christian bands" featuring some of the hottest local acts, such as "Raiders of the Lost," "Boat 14," "Lyle Watson" and "RFL." The evening will be capped off with a head-spinning performance by the break-dance team HST Crew and a multimedia program by a new multimedia ministry called Historytellers.

They will premiere a multisensory program called Homecoming that uses two monstrous video screens, live music, interpretive dance and special effect for a captivating, life-changing performance.

"This year, New Year's Eve is a big deal," said London Bridge's college and career director, Ben Ar-

ment. "So we've designed a big party to go along with it."

Millennium Meltdown will be held at London Bridge Baptist Church at 2460 Potter's Road in Virginia Beach. Admission is \$15. For more information about the program, call the church during business hours, 486-7900.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed exemption of Biznet, Inc. from real and personal property taxation

On Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center,

The Virginia Beach Sun

Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by Biznet, Inc., as Being Exempt From State and Local Real and Personal Property Taxation." Biznet, Inc., currently owns real property located in the City of Virginia Beach assessed at \$277,926.00 in tax year 1999-2000; the taxes on these properties in tax year 1999-2000 are \$3,391.00. The organization owns no taxable personal property.

A copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed exemption of Virginia Beach Community Trust Exempt Fund from real and personal property taxation

On Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by Virginia Beach Community Trust Exempt Fund as Being Exempt From State and Local Real and Personal Property Taxation." Virginia Beach Community Trust Exempt Fund currently owns real property located in the City of Virginia Beach assessed at \$94,856 in tax year 1999-2000; the taxes on this property in tax year 1999-2000 are \$1,157.24. The organization owns no taxable personal property.

A copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed exemption of the Last Great Waters, Inc., and Great Waters, Inc., from real and

personal property taxation
On Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by The Last Great Waters, Inc., and Great Waters, Inc., as Being Exempt From State and Local Real and Personal Property Taxation." The Last Great Waters, Inc., and Great Waters, Inc., currently own personal property located in the City of Virginia Beach assessed at \$186,400 in tax year 1999; the taxes on this property in tax year 1999 are \$2,796.00. The organization owns no real property in Virginia Beach.

A copy of this resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

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City Clerk

Public Notice

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed exemption of Beth Shalom Terrace from real and personal property taxation

On Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by Beth Shalom Terrace as Being Exempt From State and Local Real and Personal Property Taxation." At present, Beth Shalom Terrace owns no real or personal property. Beth Shalom Terrace is expected to receive real property located in the City of Virginia Beach, that, once improved, will be valued at approximately \$5,290,206; if taxable, the real estate taxes on this property in 1999-2000 would be approximately \$64,340.31. When operational, Beth Shalom Terrace is expected to have tangible personal property located in the City of Virginia Beach with an estimated value of \$400,000; if taxable, the taxes on this personal property in tax year 2000 would be approximately \$5,920. The unimproved real property to be received by Beth Shalom Terrace is currently owned by Beth Shalom Home of Eastern Virginia and is exempt from local taxation.

A copy of the resolution is on

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Joyful sounds

Cape Henry Collegiate's Upper School Chamber singers took their holiday program on the road. Under the direction of Sammie Logan they performed for the students at St. Mary's School in Norfolk, then were guest performers for the day's liturgy at St. Mary's Basilica. After brunch at MacArthur Center they sang for the residents at Windermere.

2000 Boardwalk Art show poster contest is open to the public

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is the organizer of the Boardwalk Art Show, ranked one of top 20 arts shows in the United States by *Sunshine Artist* magazine.

The 2000 Boardwalk Art Show will be held on June 15-18 and will be the official art show of OpSail 2000, the largest maritime event in history.

In its 45-year history, participating artists have created the poster and T-shirt design to promote the show. A contest to determine the image is currently underway, and interested artists are encouraged to submit designs to the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. The winning entry will receive a check for \$600 during the Boardwalk Art Show.

The competition is open to anyone who wishes to enter. The winning entry will also become the cover image for the official pro-

gram/guide distributed at the show. Artwork should reflect the essence of the Boardwalk Art Show — its location, the season, the experience, the mood. Artists are also encouraged to remember the festival's connection to OpSail 2000 this year. The deadline for receipt of poster-shirt art entries is Jan. 3, 2000. For more information contact Sharon Banks Tanner at 425-0000 ext. 20.

Finalists will be notified by Jan. 10 and a winner will be selected by Jan. 31.

The Boardwalk Art Show supports the exhibitions and educational programs of the Contemporary Art of Virginia located at 2200 Parks Avenue in Virginia Beach. With more than 300,000 visitors during the four days of the show, it is considered one of the best attended events in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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file in the office of the City Clerk. All interested persons are welcome to appear at the hearing and present their views on this proposed exemption. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

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Public Notice

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
At its formal session, Tuesday, 4 January, 2000, the Virginia Beach City Council will RECONSIDER the application of LOTUS CREEK ASSOCIATES for a Variance to Section 5B of the Site Plan Ordinance, FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS on Lotus Creek Drive, 270 feet more or less South of Camino Real South, (PRINCESS ANNE-DISTRICT 7).

Ruth Hodges Smith, CM/C/AEE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD 4031; 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf)

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
181 South Plaza Trail
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Judy Bruce Bedard dated January 24, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3052, page 1781, securing a loan which was originally \$64,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, in Block 1, as shown on that plat entitled Subdivision of Princess Anne Plaza, Section One, Tax Map #1487-82-4589-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$5,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP996182

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner v. EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, an unincorporated association, 875 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, an unincorporated association, Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (SAID UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BEING "PARTIES UNKNOWN"), Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NUMBER CH99-3727

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The above-captioned matter seeks the removal, as provided by law, of the remains interred on certain real property owned by the Petitioner, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and adjacent to the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church which property is more particularly described in the Bill of

Complaint filed by the Petitioner. It is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that all Respondents and other parties known and unknown who may have an interest in this matter shall appear and protect their interests at 9:30 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999.

Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody.

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
925 Enfield Chase
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Connor Wayne Meeks dated October 6, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3798, page 1956, securing a loan which was originally \$350,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 30, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Middle Plantation, Phase Six, Part 2, Lynnhaven Borough, Virginia Beach", Tax Map #1498-15-6900-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$35,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP995841
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Draper & Goldberg, PLLC
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
3909 Aileen Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert Thomas Link dated May 31, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3623, page 1193, securing a loan which was originally \$79,039.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 15, Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of Green Run PUD, Subdivision D-3, part 1". Tax Map #1485-17-0523-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$7,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from

the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP984343

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4109 MacArthur Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Charles E. Boone and Cheryl P. Winslow dated June 28, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3513, page 2161, securing a loan which was originally \$50,950.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 138, as shown on that certain plat entitled "GREEN RUN P.U.D. Subdivision Section E 4, Part 1, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, VA", Tax Map #1485-08-0138.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$4,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP984100
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1141 Old Clubhouse
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas D. Bacho and Jacqueline Bacho dated June 8, 1987 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2640, page 1815, securing a loan which was originally \$53,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Scarborough Square, Section Four A 2, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia", Tax Map #1496-10-6815-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$4,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a

memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP996146

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
429 Southgate Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Daniel Lee Frank and Lisa R. Frank dated July 18, 1985 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2427, page 1108, securing a loan which was originally \$58,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot "H", Block 2, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Aragona Village, Section Thirteen, Princess Anne County, Virginia", Tax Map #1467-97-2032.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$5,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP983715
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

JLR ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., Petitioner v.

ELIZABETH G. LAUGHORN, and her unknown heirs, Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NO.: CH99-3721

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

To: Elizabeth G. Laughorn, Address Unknown. Unknown heirs of Elizabeth G. Laughorn, Parties and Addresses Unknown.

The object of this suit is to quiet title to and establish title by adverse possession in JLR Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, to an interest in certain parcels of land known as Lots 20 and 21, as shown on that certain plat of the East Norfolk Realty and Industrial Corporation, which plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office") in Map Book 4, at page 191, which interest was conveyed to Elizabeth G. Laughorn by deed of W.H. Morrison and Mary M. Morrison, dated March 1, 1915, recorded in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 109, page 68.

An affidavit having been made and signed that the address for Elizabeth G. Laughorn is unknown and that there may be unknown heirs of Elizabeth G. Laughorn whose names and post office addresses are also unknown, it is hereby ORDERED, that each of said parties appear on or before January 12, 2000, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

Karen Vastardis

Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach

I ask for this:

D. Scott Seerv, p.a.
D. Scott Seerv, Esquire
Jennifer L. Hawkins, Esquire
Faggert & Frieden, P.C.
1435 Crossways Boulevard,
Suite 200
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320
(757) 424-3232

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner v. EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, an unincorporated association, 875 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, an unincorporated association, Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (SAID UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BEING "PARTIES UNKNOWN"), Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NUMBER CH99-3727

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The above-captioned matter seeks the removal, as provided by law, of the remains interred on certain real property owned by the Petitioner, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and adjacent to the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church which property is more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed by the Petitioner.

It is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that all Respondents and other parties known and unknown who may have an interest in this matter shall appear and protect their interests at 9:30 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999.

Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody, J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., Petitioner v.

SENEGAL SENGHOR, individually; BETTY CARRINGTON, individually; LEON T. CARRINGTON, SR., individually; GLORIA WYNN, individually; RONALD ALBERT BAGBY, individually; ALBERT CARRINGTON, III, individually; LEGRAND BAGBY, individually; RONALD P. SBY, MONS, individually; FRANKLIN FREEMAN, individually; JOHN W. CARRINGTON, JR., individually; JAMES BAGBY, individually; Address Unknown

Any and All unknown heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, successors and assigns of James Bagby, parties in possession, and Unknown Parties, Respondents.

Chancery No. CH99-2796

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above styled suit is for declaratory relief, to quiet title to real property, for the sale of real property of a person under a disability, and for partition, all pertaining to 11.49 acres of undeveloped real property located on the South side of Mapleton-Lynnhaven Road near the intersection with Magic Hollow Boulevard in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, all as more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed in the captioned proceedings.

AND IT APPEARING BY Affidavit of WILLIAM FREEMAN, JR., filed in accordance with the provisions of Va. Code §8.01-316 (1950, as amended) that the following Respondent, JAMES BAGBY, cannot be located, and that there may be PARTIES UNKNOWN, of unknown residence, who may claim an interest in the subject real property as the heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, descendants, successors and/or assigns of James Bagby;

and, there may be PARTIES UNKNOWN, who are tenants, claimants, or others who may claim an interest in and to the subject real property, it is therefore,

ORDERED, that the said JAMES BAGBY, and any and all HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS of JAMES BAGBY, any and all PARTIES IN POSSESSION of the Property or claiming any right, title, or interest in any kind and to the Property, and ALL PARTIES UNKNOWN do appear at or before a hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on January 7, 2000, in the Circuit Court of Virginia Beach, located at 2305 Judicial Boulevard, The Judicial Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9002, and take appropriate action to establish his or her interest in the subject real estate and do what is necessary to protect his or her interest in this matter, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper published and in general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Upon completion of such publication, the Clerk is directed to file a Certificate in these proceedings, certifying that the requirements of Va. Code §8.01-317 have been complied with.

Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Circuit Court Judge

Date: 11/18/99
Certified to be a True Copy of Record in My Custody, J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

Neal P. Brodsky, Esq. (VSB #29057)

L.B. Cann, III, Esq., Counsel for Petitioner

LeClair Ryan, P.C., 999 Waterside Drive, Suite 2025 Norfolk, Virginia 23510 (757) 624-1454

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALAN AND ESTHER FLEDER FOUNDATION

TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Report of the above Foundation for the taxable year ending September 30, 1998, as required by § 6056 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, is available for inspection at the principal office of the Foundation: 500 E. Main Street, Suite 1424, Norfolk, Virginia 23510, during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the publication of the notice of its availability. Requests for inspection should be made to the undersigned Principal Manager at the Office as above stated.

Signed: Lawrence Fleder, Treasurer

Date: 12/15/99

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARMOND AND ROSE CAPLAN FOUNDATION

TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Report of the above Foundation for the taxable year ending September 30, 1998, as required by § 6056 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, is available for inspection at the principal office of the Foundation: 500 E. Main Street, Suite 1424, Norfolk, Virginia 23510, during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the publication of the notice of its availability. Requests for inspection should be made to the undersigned Principal Manager at the Office as above stated.

Signed: ARMOND R. CAPLAN

Date: 12/15/99

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STEPHEN R. CAPLAN FOUNDATION

TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Report of the above Foundation for the taxable year ending September 30, 1998, as required by § 6056 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, is available for inspection at the principal office of the Foundation: 4505 Kelly Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462, during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the publication of the notice of its availability. Requests for inspection should be made to the undersigned Principal Manager at the Office as above stated.

Signed: STEPHEN R. CAPLAN

Date: 12/15/99

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STEPHEN R. CAPLAN FOUNDATION

TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Report of the above Foundation for the taxable year ending September 30, 1998, as required by § 6056 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, is available for inspection at the principal office of the Foundation: 4505 Kelly Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462, during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the publication of the notice of its availability. Requests for inspection should be made to the undersigned Principal Manager at the Office as above stated.

Signed: STEPHEN R. CAPLAN

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4956 Aquarius Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas C. Welch and Bonnie Welch dated July 21, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3765, page 1726, securing a loan which was originally \$97,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 16, shown on that certain plat entitled Plat of Indian Lakes Subdivision, Section C-1, part 4, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #1465-88-923-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1063 Hanson Way
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from J. Michael Gatchell dated March 24, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3864, page 225, securing a loan which was originally \$96,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on January 14, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

All that certain condominium unit known and numbered Unit 1063 C, in that certain condominium entitled, "Great Neck Villas, a Condominium". Tax Map #24084295811063.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
692 Aylesbury Drive

Virginia Beach, VA
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Brooke D. Lewis and Robert L. Wilson dated March 31, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3723, page 2050, securing a loan which was originally \$89,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit 692, Charter Lake Condominiums. Tax Map #1467-59-5902-692.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8-11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, JANUARY 12, 2000 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Court-house, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:
1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Steven B. Sandler, Arthur B. Sandler and The Estate of Reba Sandler, Deceased. Property is located on the north side of Indian River Road, 260 feet more or less west of Kempsville Drive (GPIN #1465-19-9336). DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Pembroke Crossing Apartments, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Sullivan Boulevard and Pembroke Boulevard (GPIN #1478-31-8845). The pro-

posed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.12 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of M & K Investments, a Virginia General Partnership for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on Lots 29 & 30, Block 5, Woodland (GPIN #4217-69-9327). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential medium and high density at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located on the north side of 24th Street, 405 feet more or less west of Barberton Drive and contains 8,755.56 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Development Company, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-3 Central Business District to Conditional B-3A Pembroke Central Business Core District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: Located at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Garret Drive.

Parcel 2: Located at the southeast intersection of Potomac Street and Independence Boulevard.

Parcel 3: Located at the southeast intersection of Cleveland Street and Independence Boulevard.

Parcel 4: Located at the southeast intersection of Columbus Street and Independence Boulevard. GPIN #1477-54-4974, #1477-54-5115, #1477-54-5476, #1477-44-6832, #1477-44-5543, #1477-44-7220, #1477-54-0566, #1477-54-0452, #1477-54-1442.

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-3A is for mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented, urban activity center land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 18.11 acres more or less. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company/Bel-Aire, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-18 Apartment District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the north side of Dam Neck Road, east of General Booth Boulevard (GPIN #2415-75-7948). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of these parcels for commercial uses on the parcels zoned B-2 and multi-family use on the parcels zoned A-18 at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 44.9 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE and DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

MODIFICATION OF PROFERS:

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for a modification of profers placed on the application for a change of zoning from A-12 to B-2 to Conditional B-2 on June 14, 1994 (GPIN #2415-56-9501, #2415-56-7275, #2415-56-6099, #2415-55-6902, #2415-55-5734, #2415-55-4556, #2415-55-6525, #2415-55-7523, #2415-66-2541). Property is located at the northeast corner of Dam Neck Road and General Booth Boulevard. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for a modification of profers placed on the application for a change of zoning from A-12 to Conditional A-18 on June 14, 1994 (GPIN #2415-75-7948). Property is located on the north side of Dam Neck Road, 200' east of Upton Drive. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Church of Emmanuel for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the west side of Indian Lakes Boulevard, south of Providence Road (1466-92-1142). Said parcel is located at 1001 Indian Lakes Boulevard and contains 2.6433 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience food store at the northwest corner of Shore Drive and

Pleasure House Road (GPIN #1479-37-9650, #1479-47-1514). Said parcel is located at 4800 Shore Drive and contains 2.14 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Kenneth A. Hall for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and repair (expansion) at the northeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Malibu Drive (GPIN #1487-65-8046). Said parcel is located at 3516 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 7,371 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Gale Levine for a Conditional Use Permit for boat storage on the east side of N. Great Neck Road, south of Lynnhaven Drive (GPIN #1499-05-7413). Said parcel is located at 2100 Mariner Shores Drive and contains 12.4146 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of MSA, P.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and repair (expansion) on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of Kings Grant Road (GPIN #1497-15-8417; #1497-25-0372; #1497-25-2343; #1497-25-3405). Said parcel is located at 3001 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 7.168 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Hebron Cornerstone Worship Center for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the east side of Expressway Drive, south of South Boulevard (GPIN #1477-61-5038). Said parcel is located at 4444 Expressway Drive and contains 1.384 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of L.B.A.S., Inc., a London Bridge Auto Service for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile repair garage on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of Moxey Drive. Said parcel is located at 1875 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 45,000 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

STREET CLOSURES:

15. Application of James Dempsey & Cynthia Bishop Hayes and Mary G. Battaglia for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the western terminus of Poinciana Drive and adjoining lane as shown on that certain plat entitled "Proposed Street and Lane Closure, Plat Western Terminus of Poinciana Drive and Adjoining Lane, Cape Henry By The Sea Plat No. 2 M.B. 32 P. 8, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Said parcels are variable in width and contain 11, 179 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

16. Application of Olympia Beach, L.P., an Olympia Development Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Bendix Road beginning at a point 434.89 feet south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction a distance of 464 feet more or less along the western property line and running a distance of 484 feet more or less along the eastern property line. Said parcel is 35.96 feet in width and contains 14,301 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

17. Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of Dam Neck Station Road beginning on the eastern boundary of General Booth Boulevard and running in an easterly direction to the eastern terminus. Said parcels variable in width and contains 1.336 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

18. Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Cleveland Street beginning at the eastern boundary of Garret Drive and running in an easterly direction a distance of 550.10 feet. Said parcel is 49.99 feet in width and contains 24,829 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

AMENDMENT:

19. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach to amend the Site Plan Ordinance pertaining to fees and procedures for floodplain variances.

20. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach to amend Section 6.3 of the Subdivision Ordinance by deleting the requirement that final plans contain certain information concerning eligibility for connection to the public water supply system.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 11/10/99:

21. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell, Commercial Investment Properties, LLC, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-6254, #1497-54-7354, #1497-54-8345, #1497-54-8298). The proposed zoning classifica-

tion change to Conditional B-2 is for retail land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for light industrial support services in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.83 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell, Commercial Investment Properties, LLC, for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (gas pumps) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-6254, #1497-54-7354, #1497-54-8345, #1497-54-8298). Said parcel contains 1.83 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 12/8/99:

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Fundraising Foundation, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (multi-recreation, meeting and bingo hall) on the east side of S. Military Highway, north of Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-3354). Said parcel is located at 964 S. Military Highway and contains 2.96 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Collett Properties, Inc. and Collett Chesapeake Partners, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane (GPIN #1497-84-3948, #1497-84-5907, #1497-84-7994, #1497-85-6190, #1497-85-8140, #1497-85-9152, #1497-95-0152, #1497-95-0050). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for community business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.481 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Collett Properties, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the east side of Parker Lane beginning at a point 150 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPIN #1497-84-3855, #1497-84-8654, #1497-84-5907, #1497-84-7994). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for community business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for light industrial, business parks and other compatible uses. Said parcel contains 8.433 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

26. An Ordinance upon Application of Triangle Rent-A-Car, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals at the northeast corner of Newtown Road and Baker Road (GPIN #1468-30-1875). Said parcels are located at 604 Newtown Road and contains 36,010 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Clark Whitehill Company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-10 Residential District on certain property located on the north and south sides of Proposed Ferrell Parkway beginning at a point 200 feet more or less west of Piney Bark Drive (GPIN #2404-37-1633, #2404-36-1191, #2404-56-4943). The proposed zoning classification change to R-10 is for single-family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential at low densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 183.3201 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

28. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan by adoption of a Shore Drive Corridor Plan.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director
Copies of the proposed ordinance, resolution and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4303. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE:

DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE
1. Application of Dragas Associates VI, L.C., for a variance to Section 5B of the Site Plan Ordinance, Floodplain Regulations on certain property located on the west side of Salem Road, south of Lynnhaven Parkway (GPIN #1475-84-4109, #1475-84-3367, #1475-84-0133). DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Dragas Associates VI, L.C., a Virginia limited liability company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to R-5D Residential Duplex District with a PD-H2 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on certain property located on the west side of Salem Road beginning at a point 900 feet more or less south of Lynnhaven Parkway (GPIN #1475-84-1524). The proposed zoning classification change to R-5D with a PD-H2 Overlay is for duplex units at a density no greater than 6 units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 15.077 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Shore Ventures Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-1 Neighborhood Business District with an SD Overlay to R-5R Residential Rent District on Lot 14B1B on the south side of Lookout Road, 73.1 feet west of Sea View Avenue (GPIN #1570-61-8364). The proposed zoning classification change to R-5S is for single family residential land use with lots no greater than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 4945 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE
4. An Ordinance upon Application of Lighthouse Vineyard Community Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the south side of McComas Way, west of General Booth Boulevard (GPIN #2414-07-2119). Said parcel is located at 2125 McComas Way and contains 1.1 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN
5. An Ordinance upon Application of Mildred M. Smith for a Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation (customize & repair fishing rods & reels) on the south side of Wildwood Drive, east of Lindsey Drive (GPIN #2408-72-4889). Said parcel is located at 1637 Wildwood Drive and contains 21,780 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church of Kempsville for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on a private school on the south side of Princess Anne Road, west of Kempsville Road. Said parcel is located at 5181 Princess Anne Road and contains 3.88 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN

7. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Robert D. Zirpoli. Property is located at 3424 Litchfield Road (GPIN #1489-70-9146). DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE
City Clerk
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Beach man is modern soldier in Pharaoh's domain



ON THE JOB. Shawnell T. Fluellen checks the customs forms for a truck during exercise Bright Star, which involved approximately 18,000 troops deployed to Egypt and the Mediterranean.

By Keith Thompson
Military Correspondent
MUBARAK MILITARY CITY,
 Egypt — Many different soldiers have stood watch throughout Egypt's ancient, colorful history. First came the Pharaoh's armies, then Alexander the Great's the ancient Greeks and the Romans. More recent times have seen the French and the British.
 This fall, a former Green Run High School student became the latest service member to keep watch over the seas of sand and rock that make up the Egyptian landscape.
 Army Sgt. Shawnell T. Fluellen, a 1989 graduate of Green Run High School in Virginia Beach, was deployed in October and November to the ancient land of the Pharaohs to participate in an exercise that involved 11 allied nations from North America, Europe and the Middle East.
 Approximately 18,000 U.S. troops from all branches of service took part in the exercise, dubbed Bright Star, including the Coast Guard, making it one of the largest exercises involving U.S. troops.

Fluellen, a member of the 293rd Military Police Company out of Fort Stewart, Ga., is just one of the many service members who played a key role in the exercise.
 "I'm currently performing force protection here at Mubarak Military City for exercise Bright Star," Fluellen said. "I'm also one of the senior customs inspectors who ensures all vehicles and equipment are searched for contraband items prior to returning stateside."
 Fluellen joined more than 73,000 troops from the U.S., as well as Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, the Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.
 "Our military police company is here providing force protection for U.S. and coalition service members deployed to the exercise here," said Fluellen.
 Although the 11th Bright Star exercise was designed to provide service members at all levels unique opportunities to strengthen military relationships and gain experience training with coalition counterparts, being in the historic, ancient land of Pharaohs was not lost on the soldiers.
 "Egypt is a wonderful place to visit," Fluellen said. "You can obtain years of historical information on landmarks, religion and culture. Egypt's people are rich in their love of each other and also friendly toward visitors who want to learn their way of life. I find that to be what 'good will toward men' is all about."
 Making the trek halfway around the world, working alongside a myriad of nationalities and operating under sometimes Spartan conditions in the Egyptian desert provided exercise participants with plenty of challenges.
 "The biggest challenge I find in Egypt is visiting all the places which hold the mysteries and hidden facts as seen in museums across America," Fluellen said. "Being isolated on the base camps really prevents most soldiers here at Bright Star from seeing more of Egypt."
 Although this exercise is over, planning has already begun for an even larger exercise in 2001 where Egypt will once again receive an influx of foreign armies.

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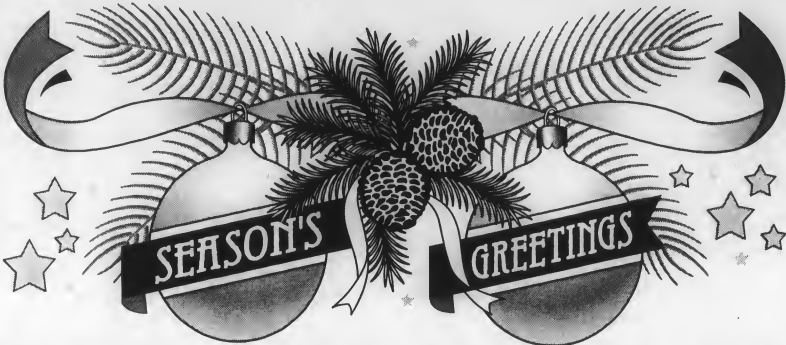
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A look back, a look forward: Council reflects on progress

From economic development to new schools, '99 was year of achievement

By Colleen Holmes
Correspondent

When asked, at the dawn of the new millennium, what she has been most proud of throughout her tenure as mayor, Meyera Oberndorf had a very long list.

However, at the close of the list, she noted that raising her two daughters and maintaining a strong family have been her greatest achievements.

Oberndorf, Virginia Beach City Council and city officials have prioritized safety, and the three "e's" — education, environment and economy — in order to improve residents' overall quality of living and to make the city an atmosphere conducive to raising strong families for all

Virginia Beach residents.

This year alone, the city has made significant advances in these important areas.

This is an abbreviated account of an already partial list of the city's major accomplishments of 1999, provided by City Manager Jim Spore's office.

This is the ninth consecutive year that the FBI has rated Virginia Beach America's safest city with a population over 300,000. In a continual effort to maintain this level of safety, the city invested in state-of-the-art computer systems to upgrade and replace old telephone emergency response technology. This included new computers in all police, fire and

emergency response vehicles.

Mayor Oberndorf stated that a safe community doesn't happen by accident. She attributes the city's success in this area to an excellent police department and to residents working together through neighborhood watch programs.

Residents can see evidence of city's commitment to education throughout the city. Mayor Oberndorf noted that Virginia Beach is a "Community for Life," meaning the city's commitment to educating and providing services does not end when residents graduate from high school.

The city partnered with Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University to open the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center, and is currently working with Virginia Beach Public Schools, the Commonwealth of Virginia and Tidewater

Community College to create an Advanced Technology Center.

These academic resources will not only provide residents educational opportunities, but will also benefit residents by attracting businesses to the area with its resources to train potential employees.

As city councilman Don Weeks said, "Human capital will be our greatest resource in the years to come."

Councilwoman Margaret Eure notes that Virginia Beach has mended fences with the School Board this year and the results have been tremendous. The city continued to dedicate more than half its budget to the public school system, and has worked out a plan with the schools securing funds to modernize two schools per year.

□ See LOOK, Page 10

Int'l dinner set

Church of the Ascension will hold its 20th annual International Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, its first event of the new year with the theme "Sharing Our Heritages into the Millennium — Putting Aside Our Differences and Bringing our Gifts Together." There will be participation by England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Philippines, Poland, Spanish Speaking Countries and USA. Some items on the menu will be Greek salad, spanakopita, Irish Stew and soda bread, lasagna, stromboli, pansit, lumpia, keilbasa, cabbage rolls, tacos, hot dogs and apple pie. Food items are priced a la carte and entertainment will be provided as well. The church is located at 4833 Princess Anne Rd.

Shhhh! Listen!

Shhhh! Listen! The past is calling you. Brownie Girl Scouts can earn the "Listening to the Past." Try it at a program especially designed for them at the Francis Land House in Virginia Beach. Brownie leaders can choose from Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The cost for each Scout is \$2.50 payable in advance at the Francis Land House, 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard. Scouts will also earn the Francis Land House/Colonial Coast Patch. (Patch and Try-it not included in the price).

Call 431-4000 for information. The Francis Land House is opened Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Studio art classes

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia has announced its upcoming winter/spring 2000 studio art class calendar. Students may choose from a variety of studio art classes in a variety of media, including beginning and intermediate/figure drawing; watercolor, oil and acrylic painting, including traditional realism oil painting classes; pastel; ceramics, including Japanese wheel-throwing classes; and a number of 35mm and black-and-white photography classes. Workshops this semester include glass mosaics, painted floor cloths and glass jewelry-making classes.

Schedules will be available in January and registration begins Jan. 4. To request a complete schedule of classes and workshops call the CAC education department, 425-000, ext. 29.

Green Breakfast

The Environmental Green Breakfast of Hampton Roads will meet Saturday, Jan. 8. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation presents "It's up to you; it's your Virginia." At 8 a.m. will be an overview of how to lobby members of the General Assembly. At 9 a.m. will be environmental issues facing Virginia and what we can expect from the upcoming General Assembly. The breakfast meets at the Newtowne Inn located at 412 Newtowne Road, just north of the Route 264 exchange and south of Virginia Beach Boulevard. There is a \$4 charge for the breakfast buffet.

For additional information contact Robert Dean, 427-6606.

AARP will meet

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. A potluck luncheon prepared by the members will be held, and the speaker will be Michelle Dick on long-term planning. At 12:30 p.m. the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide blood pressure readings. Visitors and prospective members, age 50 and over, are welcome. Call 430-2646 for additional information.

Golf Classic

The third annual Regent University Golf Classic will be held Sept. 26 at the Greenbrier Country Club in Chesapeake. Proceeds from the Regent Classic will benefit the Regent University Scholarship Fund.

Last year, more than 85 players participated in the event. Numerous prizes were awarded, ranging from gift certificates for dinner at local restaurants, to roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States.

Player registration will include green fees, a cart, range balls, box lunch, awards and a dinner. Corporate sponsorship is available for those wishing to show additional support for Regent University. The Greenbrier Country Club is a private 18-hole Scottish-links style course designed by Rees Jones. The 6,937-yard course features a par-3 signature hole with water coming into play between the elevated tees and sloping green. For registration information or those interested in corporate sponsorship contact Andrea Gustafson, 226-4030 or Baxter Ennis, 226-4093.

Search is on for the elusive whale

Popular Virginia Beach ocean excursions kick off another year

By Patrick Evans-Hylton
Correspondent

The sea was calm — a blue glass mirror stretching from horizon to horizon. The boat pulled from port with almost four dozen aboard, all in pursuit of the elusive whale.

Salty sea sprayed the deck as the vessel cut through the icy waters of the Atlantic.

The whale would remain elusive that day — somewhere close by, no doubt, but refusing to surface near the boat. Was the whale skittish, having heard of Capt. Ahab's relentless pursuit of his nemesis, Moby Dick? Perhaps, perhaps not.

But this was a whaling expedition of another sort, and that's no fish tale. The cast of the good boat *Bobbi Lee*

was only armed with binoculars and cameras, and wished the great mammal no harm.

Winter wildlife and whale watching boat trips are under way now through March, sponsored by the Virginia Marine Science Museum. The wildlife excursions run Jan. 1 through 7, Fridays at 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 1 and 3:30 p.m. Whale watching boat trips are scheduled Jan. 8 through March 5 on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Contact the museum for departure times.

"Sometimes you see whales, sometimes not," said program specialist Joy Eliassen.

"This is a very individual experience. Everyone is taking in something different. We've seen lots of wildlife and scenery while out here. We've felt the sea spray our face. We've looked off into the horizon. These are experiences to take back with us and contemplate."

Leaving from the Virginia Beach Fishing Center at Rudee Inlet, whale watchers look for juvenile humpback and fin whales in their natural habitat off the coast of Virginia Beach. Whale sightings are not guaranteed.

"This is important because so many people are dismissive and uninformed with the world in which we live. Most of the people on this boat have never experienced what the ocean is like from this perspective," said Eliassen. "We are a very land-locked society. It is important to come out and see first hand what is out here. It gives you a greater appreciation for what is around us."

Each two-hour excursion is narrated by a trained museum interpreter, like Eliassen, who has been with the program since its inception in 1991. The boat is also staffed with



Photo by Patrick Evans-Hylton

CHECK IT OUT. The Virginia Marine Science Museum's Janet Schroder shows whale-related artifacts during an excursion.

experienced volunteers who show whale artifacts and answer questions while aboard.

During the whale watching boat trips, participants also have the opportunity to see a variety of winter

wildlife, local landmarks such as the Cape Henry lighthouses, as well as international shipping traffic and U.S. Navy maneuvers.

□ See ADVENTURE, Page 5

Christmas festivities not over yet

Colonial Twelfth Night celebration rounds out holiday happenings

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

In Colonial Virginia, the lucky finder of a lima bean in their Twelfth Night Cake had two options.

If the recipient was a man, he'd get the honor of being king for the evening.

Should a woman find the bean, however, she was expected to make the next year's cake.

Fortunately, the Francis Land House doesn't expect its lucky guest to produce the rich cake which invites participants to enjoy the annual Twelfth Night festivities.

Hospitality is the point Thursday as the historic Francis Land House marks its 14th annual celebration, recognizing the final day of the 12 days after Christmas. The halls are

TWELFTH NIGHT

Join the festivities on Thursday, Jan. 6 at the Francis Land House from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$6 each and should be purchased in advance at the Francis Land House. For more information call, 431-4000.

decked with native plants and fruits, compliments of the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs, and the house is ready to welcome visitors.

"Twelfth Night is a great chance to see how the holiday was celebrated

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The photo

DECK THE HALLS. Christmas isn't over in Virginia Beach until the Francis Land House marks Twelfth Night. Museum staffer Vicki Harvey adjusts an arrangement in anticipation of the festivities Thursday night.

Commentary

Y2K ready

Whether the Y2K computer debacle comes to be or is just another cause of needless high anxiety, it makes sense to make preparations.

After all, even if the computers don't make everything go haywire, we may always get another holiday ice storm.

Here are some 'Y2K readiness tips being passed around by state agencies. (And, yes, all but the first sound a lot like winter storm readiness tips).

■ Check with manufacturers of any essential computer-controlled electronic equipment in your home to see if that equipment may be affected. This includes fire and security alarm systems, programmable thermostats, appliances, consumer electronics, garage door openers, electronic locks, and any other electronic equipment which an "embedded chip" may control its operation.

■ Have some extra cash or traveler's checks on hand in case electronic transactions involving ATM cards, credit cards, and the like cannot be processed.

■ Keep your automobile gas tank above half full.

■ In case the power fails, plan to use alternative cooking devices in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Don't use open flames or charcoal grills indoors.

■ Have extra blankets, coats, hats and gloves to keep warm. Do not plan to use gas-fueled heating devices that are not designed to be used in a residential structure.

■ Have plenty of flashlights and extra batteries on hand. Don't use candles for emergency lighting.

■ Examine smoke alarms now. If you have smoke alarms that are hard-wired into your home's electrical system (most newer ones are), check to see if they have battery back-ups.

■ Be prepared to relocate to a shelter for warmth and protection during a prolonged power outage. Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for information about where shelters will be available.

■ If you plan to use a portable generator, connect what you want to power directly to the generator; do not connect the generator to your home's electrical system.

Oh, yeah. And be glad the Hokies' game against Florida State for the national championship is on a broadcast channel that a battery TV can pick up and not on cable or satellite.



Happy New Year (perhaps?)

The curtain closing on not just a year, but a decade, century and even a millennium, certainly seems momentous.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

Americans were literally bursting with self-confidence and jubilation. What a contrast to the current mood of cautious optimism and, for some, even skepticism.

It's not just the concerns being raised that terrorists could mar our millennial celebrations with violence. The incessant dire warnings of Y2K, although lately muted, have clearly added to the greying of our spirits.

But, I'm willing to wager neither of those concerns would have dampened the indefatigable American optimism had they arose on Dec. 31, 1999. These are indeed different times.

So, what happened? To begin with, there is that feeling that nothing is quite the way it seems. For that, we can probably primarily thank Watergate, the Vietnam War and the Savings and Loan Fraud.

Then there's the irrational violence that began with the assassination of our beloved national heroes, but has recently washed over into our schools, workplaces and churches. It's not that there is more violence 100 years later — there's not. It's that the recent violence is so irrational that it is so unnerving.

Still, I feel Americans live in fear. Despite the sickening feeling of helplessness we communally experience whenever the horror of a Oklahoma City bombing or Columbine massacre flashes across our TV screen, we rightly feel safe in our daily lives.

• No, it is not fear but uncertainty

that dampens our once unquenchable spirit. Say what you will about the prosperous U.S. economy (and there are many reasons to laud it), it has not brought a feeling of economic security to the vast majority of Americans.

Let's face it — Joe and Jane Citizen have a nagging sense that they have been here before. They will remember the bubble bursting on the so-called "great prosperity" of the 1980s when their secure, well-paying jobs were lost to downsizing, health care and pensions either disappeared or became unaffordable, and the cost of educating their children escalated beyond the reach of middle-class income.

Americans woke up in shock in the early 1990s. Suddenly they faced unemployment lines, loss of employee benefits and mortgage and other credit payments they couldn't meet. Meanwhile, their national leaders were preaching the need for tighter belts to fend off a looming bankruptcy of Medicare and Social Security, as well as to pay off the out-of-control deficit and a \$5 trillion debt amassed by the government in the 1980s.

Not that we don't have good reason to be proud of ourselves and of our leaders for the fiscal responsibility we have since shown, and for rebuilding our national economy. But, this time all the superlatives about our "unprecedented prosperity" are being taken with a grain of salt — we heard that song before.

Even more troubling is that little of the enormous wealth produced over the past decade has resulted in increased economic security for average Americans. Employer-based pension plans are fewer and more limited in scope. Nearly four times as many Americans are without health care than was the case in 1990, and its cost is still outrageously high while its quality has only diminished.

Temporary work forces are still replacing full-time workers in every sector of the economy, continuing to fuel the lack of job security that began in the 1980s. And, the bottom has fallen out of the commodities market so that family farmers are going under across the country.

Admittedly, there have been a gradual increase in wages over the

past year, but that is simply inadequate to counter the sky-rocketing rise in big ticket family expenses such as real estate, automobiles and education, not to mention the steady increase in the cost of utilities, insurance and the telecommunications necessary to keep up with the Information Age.

But, look at the stock market, the Pollyanna enthusiasts always reply. It has sustained its spectacular rise for over six years. There is certainly a case to be made that our economy may be on solid ground. After all, look at the other indicators such as a low unemployment and inflation.

True, but the standard of living for the average American household nonetheless continues to stagnate because the Federal Reserve Board hikes up interest rates the minute wages rise in the slightest. So, any increased income merely goes to pay higher premiums to banks and other commercial lenders. And Chairman Greenspan has the nerve to complain that Americans are not saving enough.

Not that Americans aren't better off than a decade ago — that's why the mood is one of cautious optimism. Yet, at the base of our American psyche is also the sobering knowledge that we have become increasingly irrelevant in our own self-government. It is more obvious every year that elected officials dance only to the drum of the big soft money donors that steer their campaign checks and keep them in office. How can we fix things if we don't even have a say?

So, what can we do about all of this? Well, I don't know about you, but I miss the indomitable optimism that once was every American's birthright. So, my New Year's resolution is to do my darndest to elect either Bill Bradley or John McCain as our next president. I would gladly vote for either one.

Both are tough enough to clean up the corruption, smart enough to figure out workable solutions, honest enough to tell us to us straight and each has a vision for America that will inspire us to believe again in ourselves and in our democratic system. That belief alone would make 2000 a very happy New Year!

Looking back at the retro '90s

Here we stand on the threshold of a new decade, century and, arguably, millennium. Some folks say that won't officially happen until 2001, but I'm not getting involved in that debate.

Hard to believe it has been another year, let alone another decade. And it's infinitely difficult for me to fathom a whole century, much less a millennium. To a 30-year-old, 10 years is nothing to stuff at. It's one-third of my life!

So rather than look back at the whole millennium, or even century, I'll be reflecting on the '90s come Friday night.

The '90s were the decade when I officially settled into being an adult. It was a time of change, from college graduation to work, marriage to motherhood. Whew!

Let's start with the early '90s. Music took a radical shift as we entered the "X" generation. I liked the pop sound of the '80s with its mix of Cyndi Lauper, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen and Stray Cats. It was like "candy" music to the ears — nothing too heavy.

Enter the '90s and something happened to the young music scene. Suddenly the carefree "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" sound of the '80s was replaced by angst-ridden melodies sung by black-clad, dirty-haired, strung-out-looking musicians. I just didn't "get it" and still don't. I thought music was supposed to make you feel good.

The '90s also brought a change in clothing styles. As a teen in the '80s, I grew up with the preppy, clean-cut look, a style which I still favor. I liked Izod shirts with upturned collars, khakis and deck shoes, and yes, even pink and green together.

But the '90s brought an...agads...return to the '70s. Suddenly denims were filled with bell bottom pants — of all things — and polyester in every size, shape and form. Skin-tight turtlenecks were in again, as were funky stripes and plaids and wearing them together. But the worst had to be the return of the platform shoe.

I admit that in 1994 I did break down and buy a pair of those. And I promptly fell on my face!

Heck, these were clothes our parents forced us to wear in the '70s. Why would anyone voluntarily want to look like a Brady Bunch reject?

Speaking of the Brady Bunch, entertainment brought a return to the '70s, too. There were two motion pictures about the Brady Bunch, as well as a plethora of other '70s shows. Today there's even a television show about the era, obviously called "The '70s Show." Imagine that.

And the shag haircut came back into style! I'll admit I tried that one, too.

With the '90s came a new trend toward physical fitness. Just take a trip to the supermarket and that's easy to see. For regular versions of ice cream, cookies and snack cakes, there are now fat-free and low-fat varieties.

I did try them. Some are OK, others downright tasteless. Unfortunately, some people saw fat-free and low-fat on the labels and thought that meant they could eat as much as they wanted. Instead, they just got fatter on healthy food.

The '90s meant the skyrocketing

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Rocker's comments are foul, but should he be put out?

It is difficult for me to understand all of the hullabaloo over the remarks made by Atlanta Braves relief pitcher John Rocker. It is obvious that a slick



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

If one of the dozens of drug addicts, alcoholics, wife beaters or rapists who play in the football, baseball and basketball leagues had said the same thing that Rocker said, there would be a small blip on the back of the sport page.

If Dennis Rodman or Charles Barkley (who hates white people) had said what Rocker said, people would laugh it off. Rocker was dead wrong with his remark about not wanting to sit on a subway with some "queen with AIDS." It was insensitive and uncalled for.

He might have a point, however, when he said that New York subways were like Beirut. If we can believe the newspapers and what we see on television, the subways are a dangerous place to be. There are roving gangs who wander from car to car looking for someone to harass, rob or assault. Ask Bernard Getz — he shot three of them.

Ask the poor female jogger who was brutally raped and beaten nearly to death by a gang of roving thugs in Central Park. Rocker is right about New York; it's not a safe place to live. I'm sure his remark about foreigners did not apply to good and decent Americans, but rather the illegal aliens who flood across our borders by the hundreds every day, bringing drugs and diseases.

Rocker doesn't like them and I don't either, so sue me. Rocker called an overweight black teammate a fat monkey. If the black teammate was offended, she should take it up with the manager — or he could try and beat Rocker's butt, which I doubt he could do.

With people like Hall of Famer Hank Aaron calling for Rocker's banishment from baseball, it will be hard for him to get a job. But you can bet some team would love to have Rocker if he is not banished. One thing for sure, he won't play for the Atlanta Braves again. It might be in his favor because I don't think the Braves are going anywhere next season.

Rocker will never be a member of MENSA or win an award for diplomacy, but he has tried to apologize. If he is sincere it should be accepted. Hillary Clinton said that Rocker was not a good role model for children. Her husband was not a good example when he took a young girl into the Oval Office and played sex games with a cigar.

Welcome to the real world.

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Praise for employees of the city of Virginia Beach

On a daily basis I become more impressed with the high quality and dedication of our city staff, (now more than 5,000 strong, non-exclusive of the city schools' staff). At this time, at the end of another year, I



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

our streets and homes, the engineers who keep our traffic moving, the social workers who help families in crisis, and the groundskeepers who keep our public facilities beautiful, to name just a few.

To keep our approximately 440,000 citizens supplied with city services involves teamwork and a herculean effort.

Local governments and other organizations are continually seeking ways to reduce costs, increase productivity and provide quality customer service. City staff members do the same.

In April, I had the opportunity to participate in the city manager's Creativity, Innovation and Public Service Award Program. This program provides recognition to individual employees and teams for outstanding accomplishments to advance and improve public service in the city of Virginia Beach.

The program is currently in its 11th year, and since its inception, a total of 313 individual and team nominations have been submitted to the program by department directors. Out of these, 165 have been selected as winning nominations. These winning nominations are chosen by an executive selection committee, appointed by the city manager. Cash awards for winning nominations range from a maximum of \$1,000 to a minimum of \$200 per person.

This year's 21 winning nominations were split among 18 teams and three individuals. These winners were selected from a total of 42 nominations submitted for review by the committee. A total of 196 individuals were recognized as part of the winning nominations, the largest number to be awarded under this pro-

Local governments and other organizations are continually seeking ways to reduce costs, increase productivity and provide quality customer service.

gram. Out of the 297 individuals whose nominations were submitted to the committee, 44 were volunteers.

Perhaps the most measurable numbers from this year's winning nominations are financial. City manager's awards initiatives represent an estimated \$4,098,395 in direct cost savings, revenue generation and cost avoidance. In addition, one regional achievement will result in shared economic benefits that generated \$30.5 million in new revenue.

Earlier this month, I was fortunate enough to assist in the Employee Service Awards Luncheon, honoring those employees with 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. There were 137 employees with 20 years service, 100 with 25 years, 26 with 30, 13 with 35 and two with 40. A big hand for these loyal and dedicated employees.

Not only do the city employees work for the municipal government but they also work in behalf of and for their community. Besides dressing more than 600 bears for the Salvation Army to give to needy children over Christmas, most departments either adopted a family and/or families making sure they enjoyed the holidays by giving gifts and food; donating money to the Food Bank; gathering toys; shopping for foster children; helping senior citizens and the Department of Social Services started in September, setting up an office in the agency staffed with a paid coordinator and approximately 20 volunteers.

The volunteers answered phones and tried to match families in need with sponsors from the community who would provide food and gifts for families. During the Relay for Life fundraising the Virginia Beach Team contributed \$61,000 and in the United Way campaign, city employees contributed \$282,922.21.

We are proud of our workforce, and hope that you share our pride. May we all have a happy new year and may peace and harmony reign throughout the world.

State commits \$126,000 to Virginia Beach trail

Gov. Jim Gilmore has announced a \$126,000 grant for Virginia Beach's Parks and Recreation Department. The grant is funded through the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for projects and facilities that will establish, enhance or make accessible more trails around the state.

"I am pleased to assist Virginia Beach with its effort to preserve and further beautify the city's recreational area," said Gilmore. "My administration is committed to steady maintenance of Virginia's rich natural resources so that future generations can enjoy Virginia's natural beauty."

Virginia Beach's Parks and Recreation Department plans a major renovation for an important urban trail in Lynnhaven. The project is rehabilitation of a 3,600-foot section of a 20-year-old trail to bring it to current standards. This

footage falls within a 6-mile portion of the trail that links to Great Neck Trail and First Landing State Park. The project includes 48 trail-head signs.

"We encourage local parks and recreation agencies and state and federal land management agencies, to team with local trail groups in applying for funds," said David G. Brickley, Department of Conservation and Recreation director. "This program simplifies supporting trails on many levels, from encouraging partnerships to keeping applicants' costs low."

Grant applicants provide 20 percent of the funding for the Virginia Recreational Trails Fund while the state provides 80 percent. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation administers the grant program and its funding, the majority of which is from the Federal Highway Administration.

'Under Three Names' will highlight museum past

"Under Three Names" — The Virginia Beach Maritime Historical Museum, The Life-Saving Museum of Virginia and The Old Coast Guard Station — all the same museum, will recall some of the growing pains of this oceanfront landmark. This exhibit will open on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and run through Sunday, Jan. 30. The exhibit is included in museum admission.

The Old Coast Guard Station is at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for

adults, \$2.50 for military and senior citizens and \$1 for young people 6 to 18. Museum members receive free admission. The Museum Store may be visited without charge.

The Old Coast Guard Station is housed in the former Virginia Beach Coast Guard Station. The building is a Virginia Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Its exhibits tell the history of the Life-Saving/Coast Guard Service and stories of heroic shipwreck rescues. It is the home of TowerCAM, the interactive exhibit that gives the visitor a view from the watch tower.

Up close and personal

Ogo Okoye-Johnson: Teacher, author

By Victoria Hecht

Dr. Ogo Okoye-Johnson may be far from her native Nigeria, but it is never far from her heart.

Neither is her eldest daughter, Paulina, for whom Okoye-Johnson authored her first children's book.

"I wanted to have a variety of books to read to my daughter, but there weren't many about Africa in this area. So I thought, 'Why not write one?'" Okoye-Johnson said.

Two years ago the Larkspur Middle School seventh-grade teacher set about the task. Husband Desing, a graphic artist, created the pictures which grace the book, "Oma the Faithful Daughter." Okoye-Johnson produced the text.

"Then I sent it out to the publishers," she sighed. "Some of them sent it back saying it just wasn't what they were looking for."

Others said they would consider the work if Okoye-Johnson rewrote it. She wasn't willing to sacrifice the story, so the couple decided to publish the tale themselves.

"We knew it would be expensive," said Okoye-Johnson, "but we wanted to do it."

The couple researched what it would take to produce the book, then took time to "cut, cut, cut and edit, edit, edit. Yet we didn't lose the important things."

"Oma the Faithful Daughter" is as much a lesson in morals as it is a refreshing story. Set in a Nigerian village, the tale is about a beautiful and dependable young girl named Oma, who lives with her mother, Ada, after being cast out of their home by the village chief — also her father. The chief's second wife also bears a daughter, who is spoiled and pampered. Meanwhile, Oma grows into a dependable, good-hearted and self-reliant woman.

When Oma's mother is bitten by a poisonous snake, it is up to the girl to save her mother's life. The teen resists many temptations while pursuing the necessary antidote. Ultimately, she is rewarded by a fairy godmother-like character in this Cinderella-esque tale.

Okoye-Johnson drew on tales from her African background, as well as literature studies, to write the book.

"But Paulina was the inspiration for the story," said Okoye-Johnson. "She read it many times and loved it. Now that the book has come out we get calls about it — and she says we're famous!"

Husband Desing's drawings of the heroine, in fact, are modeled after his oldest daughter. To illustrate the book, the recent Norfolk State University graduate had to research Nigerian settings, costumes and culture. He referenced their wedding pictures for that information.

Okoye-Johnson had 2,500 copies of the book initially printed. It's being sold in smaller outlets around the area, but she is working on getting "Oma the Faithful Daughter" into larger stores.

Since the book came out in November, the Johnsons have learned the art of promotion. Her background in television production has been helpful in publicizing the endeavor.

"The book has been very well received, but it's going slowly. We've had good success selling it in New York, where my sister lives. Down here it's doing well at certain stores. We're just trying to get it into as many places as possible," said Okoye-Johnson.

Her goal is to eventually turn the book into a full-length feature film or cartoon series, even an interactive CD Rom.

"We have so many things to do, but we'll do it one day at a time," she smiled.

"Oma the Faithful Daughter" is available locally at: African Arts, Lynnhaven Mall;



African Attractions, Pembroke Mall; African Art Gallery, Aragona Boulevard; Brimmers' Books, London Bridge Shopping Center; Once Upon a Time Children's Books, Virginia Beach Boulevard; Pottery Vibes, Indian River Road; Art Atrium, High Street; Riverbend Books, Great Neck Road; Shades of Culture, Auburn Drive (College Square); and Self Improvement Education Center, W. 35th Street (Norfolk), or call Noon Productions, 486-7879.

Name: Ogo Okoye-Johnson.

What brought you to this area: My husband and I decided to relocate to raise a family.

Hometown: Orafite, Nigeria.

Age: 34.

Occupation: Teacher.

Marital Status: Married to Desing.

Children: Four: Paulina, 8; Chinyelu, 5; and twins Chinsoso and Chike, 2.

Favorite movies: Romantic and family-oriented movies. Also, "Pretty Woman," "Ghost" and "Waiting to Exhale."

Magazines I read regularly:



Ebony.

Favorite author: Thomas Hardy.

Favorite night out on the town: We haven't had one of those in a real long time. If we can, probably a good movie and out to eat.

Favorite restaurants: We go to Golden Corral a lot because we can take the kids there. Also, Red Lobster and Chinese restaurants.

Favorite meal and beverage: Fried chicken, rice and Sprite.

What most people don't know about me: I'm shy.

Best thing about myself: I am tenacious and hard working. I am also positive.

Worst habit: I tend to be a perfectionist.

Pets: None.

Hobbies: Reading, singing and dancing.

Ideal vacation: I would like a trip around the world.

Pet peeves: Dishonest people. I'd rather you tell me the truth no matter how hurtful it is.

First job: I worked as a file clerk.

Least liked job: I've never had a really bad job.

Favorite sports team: I love to watch track and soccer, but I have no favorite teams.

Favorite musicians: Diana Ross and jazz musicians.

How I would like to be remembered: As a hard working mother, wife and professional.

If I received \$1 million: I would expand my business, help my family and make donations to the poor and for health care research.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would ask for world peace and eradication of hunger, especially childhood hunger.

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Caroling cops spread the Christmas cheer

Virginia Beach law enforcement representatives with the Drug Abuse Resistance (DARE) Unit, affectionately called The Caroling Cops, performed for senior citizens at Atria Hilltop last week. The custom started last year as part of the city's community policing effort. The group also performed at Marian Manor and Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Looking back at the retro '90s

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popularity of some new exercise machinery, among them the stairclimber or stairstepper. I acquired a wonderful exercycle, requested with the best of intentions. It quickly made a great clothes rack when I did my ironing.

In the '90s people started looking for quicker ways to get thin and healthy. Enter the growing popularity of liposuction and diet pills. Sure, Dexatrim has been around for a while, but the '90s brought Phen-Fen, touted as the miracle weight-loss drug, and Metabolife. The latter works pretty good. Yes, I admit I tried that, too. In the '90s cars suddenly got bigger and bigger. More sport utility

vehicles hit the road, indulging the spirit of adventure in lots of folks. Heck, we own one now and it's great fun.

Another thing that got bigger was houses. I've noticed builders are going larger and more spacious, I assume to keep up with all the junk that this consumer society acquires. Gotta have somewhere to put that exercise equipment and those SUV's.

Finally, America jumped into the computer age big time in the '90s. People who vowed to never touch a mouse or computer keyboard began surfing the Net and picking up the jargon. I've got an 80-something aunt who now sends me regular greetings via e-mail!

So now we look at 2000. I wonder what it will bring? Will we finally see the colonization of outer space, or cars that fly, just like the Jetsons' vehicles? Will we be able to push a button and have food instantly appear, just like the food replicator on "Star Trek?"

More importantly, will the 21st century bring world harmony, peace and an end to war? Will all men be equal? Will we pay more attention to this planet we call home? Will children stop perishing from hunger, and will everyone have a home?

We've made great leaps. But there are still many miles to go before all is good.

Have a safe and happy new year.

Here comes... Elvis?

Corporate Landing Elementary School in Virginia Beach celebrated the holidays with a special guest. Well, sort of. It wasn't Santa, but a Santa impersonator. Principal Rich Sidone dressed as The King to mark the first time in seven years that the school achieved 100 percent PTA membership. The program was a hit with the excited students.

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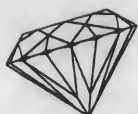
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Adventure awaits in search of elusive whale

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"Earlier we passed a huge cargo ship loaded up and heading out to sea," said Eliassen. "While passing in it's shadow, who not be in awe, and think about the pros and cons of that kind of business. What are the trade-offs for a healthy economy when an environmental disaster could occur? These trips affect visitors in a number of ways and always give you lots to think about."

"This is really cool," said 7-year-old Kyle Thommesen of Auburn, Ala. Kyle was visiting family in the area with his father, Sven.

"I want to see a whale, but I also wanted to see all the seagulls and waves and everything," he said. "This is a lot of fun being out on the boat. I'm having a great time."

Eliassen said that's what the trips are all about — providing a good time, and good impressions.

"This is awesome, being out on the ocean."

Samantha Smith, tourist

"Some of these children will go back to school, and now, when they have to write a poem or an essay about nature, about the ocean, they can do it from a first-hand perspective. When we see something on television about the sea, we have been out here and experienced it ourselves."

It was that allure that brought Samantha Smith from Baltimore. She made the four-hour drive to Virginia Beach just for the excursion.

"This is awesome, being out on the ocean. It would have been nice to have seen some whales, but the experience is well worth it. I've met some greater people on board, and had a great time."

After leaving Rudee Inlet, the boat traveled due east before turning northeast and toward the channel leading into Hampton Roads.

Humpback and fin whales have made the food-rich waters at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay an annual winter destination. The migration of the humpback whales begins early each fall when they travel from the northern Atlantic waters to the warmer tropical waters of the Caribbean where adults mate and breed. Researchers believe that the sexually immature humpbacks stay off the coast of Virginia to take advantage of the milder winter temperatures and ample food supply, including menhaden, anchovies and other small fish. In the spring, when older members return, the younger whales rejoin them and head back north.

"I think it is wonderful to offer

something like this," said Rose Kafi. She, her husband, Roland Silva, and 14-year-old daughter, Serrena Silva, were vacationing from San Antonio.

"We really like to do anything that deals with nature," said Kafi. "It's a great experience for us, and especially for Serrena. When we see a whale, we know we're doing something good. You know, we had such a good time even without seeing a whale," said Paul Moore of Jacksonville, Fla. "We stayed in town an extra day for this — just to come out on the boat, spend some time together, and get out and enjoy the ocean. This really made our trip to Virginia Beach."

He said that from several whale-watching expeditions available in the area, he chose the one offered by the museum because of the museum's reputation.

"We knew we'd get something great from the Virginia Marine Science Museum. We haven't been disappointed," he said.

The boat trip is \$14 for adults and \$12 for children ages one through 11. Fees are payable at the time of departure. For trip information and reservations call, 437-BOAT. Trips are subject to cancellation due to unsafe boating conditions. Special charters are also available by calling the museum's group sales office, 437-6000.

For landlubbers or those just a bit more adventuresome, whales can be observed in another way — through a special IMAX movie at the museum. "Whales" allows visitors to experience the underwater world that influences and guides navigation, feeding, breeding and socialization of blue, humpback, orca and right whales. Movie-goers watch as whales travel between their northern feeding and southern breeding grounds. For more information about these trips, we knew it was for us."

While aboard, Eliassen and volunteer Janet Schroder walked around the deck, allowing passengers to see and touch such whale artifacts as teeth and baleen.

Humpback and fin whales are called baleen whales because of a special feeding structure inside their mouth used to strain plankton, small fish, and shrimp from the water. Adult humpback whales eat one-and-one-half tons of food each day, and many of the sightings are because of the whale surfacing to feed.

Visitors are given tips for catching a glimpse of such sights — watch for a puff of vapor called the blow — that is the whale's visible breath. Scan for bird activity at the surface of the water, as that could be a sign of whale feeding. Look for a dark back breaking the surface.

Although the passengers followed the guidelines, the whales seemed to wait to remain anonymous on the first day of the trip.



Photo by Patrick Evers-Hylen

ALL ABOARD. The cold wind blew off the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean as the *Bobbi Lee* headed to high seas for a whale-watching trip.



ON THE LOOKOUT. David Finn of Dallas, Texas, 8, traveled to Virginia Beach from the Lone Star state with his mother, Carolyn Davis, for the Christmas holidays. On his list of things to do was taking a whale-watching trip.

information about the film or scheduled show times call, 425-FJSH.

The Virginia Marine Science Museum is located at 717 General Booth Blvd., just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with extended summer hours, but closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.



A CLOSER LOOK. Virginia Marine Science Museum whale watching program specialist Joy Eliassen shows visitors on the *Bobbi Lee* various whale artifacts such as teeth and baleen, a fibrous plate that facilitates the whale's feeding.

Twelfth Night festivities set

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here in 18th-century Colonial Virginia. It wasn't celebrated everywhere, but here it was a festive occasion," said museum educator Joy Eliassen.

The day, otherwise known as Old Christmas, was a time of weddings and revelry, family and home.

"George Washington was married on the Twelfth Night," Eliassen explained.

Twelfth Night also meant the time was night to get one's house back after extended visits from guests.

"In that time period you also prepared your home for 12 days of Christmas, so Twelfth Night is the culmination of when you can finally close your doors and breathe that sigh of relief at not having to provide for guests. It

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was a night of music dancing and good food."

Like the homes of yore, the circa 1770 Francis Land House is prepared for the festivities.

Evergreens add a seasonal touch to the home, just as Colonialians would have used to deck their houses in 18th-century Virginia. The greens symbolize everlasting life, and the yule log blazes in the fireplace. Outside, a bonfire burns to warm chilled hands and beckon guests to the home.

"It was typical of the times to use hollies and pines, perhaps fir, growing outside the home for a nice touch of color," said Eliassen.

At the end of the evening, the greens were customarily burned in a bonfire to symbolize the culmination of the holidays.

Land House volunteers and docents will perform a play written by Vicki Harvey, museum education specialist. Each year Harvey is challenged to put a new spin on the festivities by producing a drama around centered around the night's happenings.

"We're keeping the plot a secret," said Eliassen.

The story, however, will take visitors on a trip through time, depicting Land House people at different points in the home's history.

The last Francis Land died in 1813, but family occupied the land since the 1630s. The home, constructed around 1770, is visited by 18,000 people annually and is operated by the city.

The Twelfth Night peek into the past is entitled "If Only These Walls Could Talk." Visitors are invited to dance with the Williamsburg Heritage Dance Ensemble, enjoy music provided by The Tidewater Friends of Folk Music, and partake in the cake and other refreshments.

The Christmas greens will be burned during a serenade by the Princess Anne and Bayside high schools madrigals.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tours start at 6 p.m. and continue through 8:15 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person. Call 431-4000.



WELCOME ALL. The pineapple was a traditional sign of hospitality in Colonial Virginia.

Confederate Air Force honors 5

The Confederate Air Force (CAF) annually honors a select number of members from its 79 Wings, Squadron and Units for outstanding volunteer service. Of this year's total, five Old Dominion Squadron members have been recognized for their contributions to the Squadron and the CAF.

Distinguished Service Award, the highest award CAF officers only for extraordinary, meritorious and exceptional services to:

■ Col. Jim Dayton of Virginia Beach for his devotion to ensuring the maintenance and reliability of the Squadron's Lockheed C-60 Lodestar and Stinson L-5 Sentinel. His efforts resulted in a superlative air show attendance record.

■ Col. James R. Weber of Chesapeake for successfully establishing a comprehensive and automated set for financial records. As the Squadron's Finance Officer for three years, he has been responsible for generating rapid and accurate financial statements and accounting records.

The Silver Magnolia Blossom Award, presented to CAF officers consistently displaying outstanding skill or achievement in any activity or service, went to:

■ Col. Robert L. Collette of Chesapeake for his professional leadership as chair of the Squadron's important Fundraising

Committee. His efforts and initiatives have served as the foundation for the eventual development of a regional flying museum complex.

■ Col. Bill Easterbrook of Chesapeake for his successful volunteer organization and administrative staffing efforts as the basis for expanding the Old Dominion Squadron. He has served two, two-year terms as the Squadron's Executive Officer.

■ Col. Martha B. Knight of Hampton for her successful initiation of the Squadron's Internet Web Page and oversight as Web Page Manager. She has also been instrumental in recruiting new members during air shows.

The Old Dominion Squadron is based at Chesapeake's Hampton Roads Airport. It is one of 79 CAF units in the United States and around the world with more than 135 vintage World War II aircraft of 69 different types.

The squadron maintains and operates a Lockheed C-60 Lodestar transport and a Stinson L-5 Sentinel reconnaissance aircraft. It also supports a General Motors FM-2 Wildcat fighter aircraft. With about 70 volunteer members, the Old Dominion Squadron sponsors and participates in static and flying shows primarily in Virginia, the Carolinas and throughout the Northeast.

Now in its 42nd year the Con-

federate Air Force today has about 7,000 members. It is the world's largest flying museum. An all-volunteer educational organization, CAF is dedicated to preserving the military aviation heritage represented by the great aircraft of World War II.

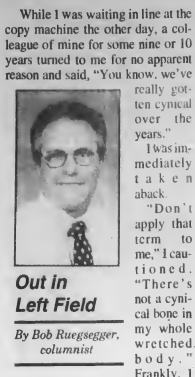
Whitehurst to address DAR at Land House

The Francis Land Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will present the DAR Good Citizen Award to high school students at a special program at the historic Francis Land House in Virginia Beach. The program is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 8 at 11 a.m.

"Outstanding Citizens of the World" will be the topic of the program address offered by Dr. William Whitehurst. Dr. Whitehurst is a former member of the United States House of Representatives and is currently a political analyst for Channel 13, news. This program is free and open to the public.

The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard in Virginia Beach. Call 431-4000 for information.

He earned the right to be named America's most cynical journalist



Out in Left Field
By Bob Ruess, columnist

I was puzzled by his off the wall remark than actually offend. Cynical? Me? That's absurd.

I have always prided myself in maintaining a positive outlook, and I have long regarded a positive attitude as the most important single element in the life of any human being — or quasi humans such as canines and felines.

Don't take that to mean that I view everything as "lovely" and that I am incapable of seeing depravity and unwilling to condemn wickedness in our society. There's certainly an abundance of that going around — and not just in Washington.

But I certainly not Diogenes. I'm not even Greek, let alone ancient. Yet, unlike Diogenes, the cynic who lived in a barrel and searched society in vain for one honest man — I occasionally encounter a few righteous men and women although it seems to be getting more difficult.

Although our "culture" appears to be becoming more double-dealing and uncouth in general, there are still plenty of honest, polite folks around these parts. Great Bridge, Deep Creek and Hickory.

Of course, the folks in North Carolina haven't changed much over the years — thank God for that. But it's still not a bad idea to keep a watchful eye on the folks in Virginia Beach and Suffolk, there's just no telling what some of them might try next.

When it comes to cynicism, quite honestly, I can't begin to even hold a candle to the premier American cynic of all time. Of course, I suppose, a case could be made for Dorothy Parker, but Ambrose Bierce has always had my vote. It's my contention that Miss Parker was an enthusiastic disciple of Bierce, America's most malcontented news journalist — America's cynic nonpareil.

Reading a few of Bierce's short stories such as "The Damned Thing," "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge," and "One of the Missing" became convincing testimony to Bierce's disenchantment with society in gen-

eral. For incontrovertible evidence that Bierce was and is America's greatest cynic, one has only to thumb through the classic assortment of acrimonious definitions and acerbic comments contained in his *The Devil's Dictionary*, initiated in a weekly newspaper in 1881.

At lengthy intervals, Bierce added to the caustic collection until, in 1906, he published a book entitled "The Devil's Dictionary." This title — not his choice — was forced down his throat by the religious restraints of the editor and publisher of the last paper in which his work had appeared.

"The Devil's Dictionary," Bierce's contrary masterpiece, corroborates that he is one of America's great wits, first black humorists, and most unrelenting satirists.

A cynic, according to the acidic Bierce, is a "blackguard whose faulty vision sees things as they are, not as they ought to be."

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Bierce defines pain as "an uncomfortable frame of mind that may have a physical basis in something that is being done to the body, or may be purely mental, caused by the good fortune of another."

That's an indication where Ambrose Bierce was "coming from" as some contemporary intellectuals phrase it — sure enough.

Next, he defines peace as in international affairs as "a period of cheating between two periods of fighting." Bierce's degree of faith in honest diplomacy couldn't be clearer. Obviously, he was neither an ambassador of good will nor one blessed with a tactful tongue. Impartial, Bierce asserted, meant that one was unable "to perceive any promise of personal advantage from espousing either side of a controversy or adopting either of two conflicting opinions."

Marital disharmony, of course, did not escape Bierce's spessimism. Bride he characterized as a "woman with a fine prospect of happiness behind her," and husband he tagged as one "who, having died, is charged with the care of the plate." Bierce was a real charmer. He went on to describe woman as "having a rudimentary

susceptibility to domestication." And incompatibility he perceived "in matrimony, a similarity in tastes, particularly the taste for domination."

Social reformers did not escape his biting wit.

"Rum," wrote Bierce in his dictionary, "generically, fiery liquors that produce madness in total abstinence."

The word which was among those words that merited a dual delineation. Bierce's first entry explained that a witch was an "ugly and repulsive old woman, in a wicked league with the devil. His second entry goes a step farther; he asserts that a witch is a "beautiful and attractive young woman, in wickedness a league beyond the devil."

Not convinced yet, dear reader? America's pre-eminent cynic, are you ready for this? — defined clergyman as a "man who undertakes the management of our spiritual affairs as a method of bettering his temporal ones."

Father Kelly, Rabbi Goldman, and Reverend Smith, forgive him; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph grant him peace. And may God have mercy on his immortal soul. I have a sneaking suspicion where that might be. Bierce would have loved hell — always something to moan and complain about. Hell would have been heaven to a guy of Bierce's disempowerment. In his definition of homicide Bierce even had the audacity to chide those

well-respected, eminently trustworthy officers of the court — attorneys. Bierce defines homicide as the "slaying of one human being by another." But he goes on to elaborate, "There are four kinds of homicide: felonious, excusable, justifiable, and praiseworthy, but it makes no difference to the person slain whether he fell by one kind or another — the classification is for the advantage of lawyers."

Finally, my candidate for America's cynic for all seasons defines year — sourly — as a "period of three hundred and sixty-five disappointments."

Bierce's contemporaries, no doubt in homage to his perpetual malignancy and indefatigable agitation, called him "Bitter Bierce." Bierce certainly spared no effort in demonstrating that the rather dubious distinction was well warranted.

Although the exact circumstances attending the death of America's most illustrious cynic are unknown, some believe that he met his end at the hands of Pancho Villa while covering the Mexican Revolution. Others believe that, disgusted with American society, he just slipped off into the Mexican wilderness. Today, no one knows the truth about what actually became of Ambrose Bierce.

The truth, it would seem, died with Bierce. America's superlative cynic would have wanted it just that way. I rest my case.

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4941 Rachel Street
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Dennis E. Wilson and Carmen M. Wilson dated July 26, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3642, page 1285, securing a loan which was originally \$76,278.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note, secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, Block 6, Section Ten, as shown on the plat entitled "Subdivision of Aragona Village, Section 10." Tax Map #1477-07-0610-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum of contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA. NP984226
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Christine M. Julius, DOB: 10/1/84; Teresa N. Julius, DOB: 4/17/83; and Robert Julius, Jr., DOB: 4/16/82
TAMMY NADEAU, Plaintiff v. DON ADELS, Defendant
CASE NOS. J-136651-01; J-136642-01 & J-136643-01
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is for: Emergency Custody
It is ORDERED that ROBERT JULIUS, SR. appear and protect his interest, on or before Tuesday, March 2, 2000 @ 11:00 a.m., which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.
And it is further ORDERED that

this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by DATE: 12-22-99
FREDERICK B. JENKS, III, Clerk
By Kelley A. Smith, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
181 South Plaza Trail
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jody Beach Bedard and dated January 24, 1992 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3052, page 1781, securing a loan which was originally \$64,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, in Block 1, as shown on that plat entitled Subdivision of Princess Anne Plaza, Section One. Tax Map #1487-82-4589-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum of contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA. NP996182
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999

A/H WESLEYAN ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, Petitioner, vs. EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, an unincorporated association, 875 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, an unincorporated association, Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

and ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (SAID UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BEING "PARTIES UNKNOWN"), Respondents.

IN CHANCERY NUMBER CH-3727

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The above-captioned matter seeks the removal, as provided by law, of the remains interred on certain real property owned by the Petitioner, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia and adjacent to the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church which property is more particularly described in the Bill of Complaint filed by the Petitioner. It is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that all Respondents and other parties known and unknown who may have an interest in this matter shall appear and protect their interests at 9:30 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2000. This Order of Publication shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun and shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court, and mailed by the Clerk of this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

ENTERED this 19th day of November, 1999,
Judge Edward W. Hanson, Jr.
Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody.
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1141 Old Clubhouse
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas D. Bacho and Jacqueline Bachado dated June 8, 1987 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2640, page 1815, securing a loan which was originally \$53,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 4, shown on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Scarborough Square, Section Four A 2, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Tax Map #1496-10-6815-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum of contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA. NP996146

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Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
429 Southgate Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Daniel Lee Frank and Lisa R. Frank dated July 18, 1985 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2427, page 1108, securing a loan which was originally \$58,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot "H", Block 2, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Aragona Village, Section Thirteen, Princess Anne County, Virginia." Tax Map #1467-97-2032.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum of contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA. NP987315

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Scholar Gates addresses King Day observance

Henry Louis Gates Jr., a nationally-known scholar of African-American studies, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Old Dominion University for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance.

The observance will begin with a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. on Kaufman Mall, followed by Gates' talk at 7:30 p.m. in the North Cafeteria of Webb University Center. A book signing will follow the lecture. The events are free and open to the public.

Gates is the director of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for Afro-American Research and the DuBois Professor of Humanities at Harvard University. Under his leadership, Harvard's black studies department was revived after languishing some 20 years.

He is the author of several books, including "13 Ways of Looking at a Black Man" (1997), "Colored People: A Memoir" (1994) and "Loose Canons: Notes on the Culture Wars" (1992).

Gates was a key force behind the

creation of Microsoft's Encarta Africana, a CD-ROM encyclopedia featuring more than 3,000 articles and 2,500 videos, audio clips, maps and photos about African-American personalities, history and events. Gates also hosted the PBS program "Wonders of the African World."

He is the general editor of the "Norton Anthology of African-American Literature" and has edited and co-edited many other books and journals. He is a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and has published pieces in many other magazines.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
VIRGINIA BEACH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed exemption of Meals of Virginia Beach, Inc., from real and personal property taxation

On Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by Meals

St. Andrew's Society plans dinner meeting

The Saint Andrew's Society of Tidewater Virginia will meet and dine on Monday, Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Captain John's Seafood, 4616 Virginia Beach Blvd. Prospective members are welcome to attend. Call 430-2646 or 721-3052 for additional information.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

4956 Aquarius Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Thomas C. Welch and Bonnie Welch dated July 21, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3765, page 1726, securing a loan which was originally \$97,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 7, 2000 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 16, as shown on that certain plat entitled Plat of Indian Lakes Subdivision, Section C-1, part 4, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map #1465-88-9823-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA

NP996115

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

1063 Hanson Way
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from J. Michael Gatchell dated March 24, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3864, page 225, securing a loan which was originally \$96,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 14, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

All that certain condominium unit known and numbered Unit 1063 C, in that certain condominium entitled, "Great Neck Villas, a Condominium." Tax Map #24084295811063.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP995493

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

692 Aylebury Drive

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Unit 692, Charter Lake Condominiums. Tax Map #1467-59-5902-0692.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Substitute Trustees
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Steven B. Sandler, Arthur B. Sandler and The Estate of Reba Sandler, Deceased. Property is located on the north side of Indian River Road, 260 feet more or less west of Kempersville Drive (GPIN #1465-19-9336), DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Pembroke Crossing Apartments, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Sullivan Boulevard and Pembroke Boulevard (GPIN #1478-31-8845). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.12 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of M & K Investments, a Virginia General Partnership for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on Lots 29 & 30, Block 5, Woodland (GPIN #2417-69-9327). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family residential land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential medium and high density at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located on the north side of 24th Street, 405 feet more or less west of Barberton Drive and contains 8,755.56 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Development Company, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-3 Central Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: Located at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Garrett Drive.

Parcel 2: Located at the southeast intersection of Potomac Street and Independence Boulevard.

Parcel 3: Located at the southeast intersection of Cleveland Street and Independence Boulevard.

Parcel 4: Located at the southeast intersection of Columbus Street and Independence Boulevard. (GPIN #1477-54-4974, #1477-55-4115, #1477-54-4576, #1477-44-6832, #1477-44-5543, #1477-44-7220, #1477-54-0566, #1477-54-0452, #1477-54-1442).

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-3A is for mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented, urban activity center land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 18.11 acres more or less. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company/Bel-Aire, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-18 Apartment District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the north side of Dam Neck Road, east of General Booth Boulevard (GPIN #2415-75-7948). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of these parcels for commercial uses on the parcels zoned B-2 and multi-family use on the parcels zoned A-18 at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 44.9 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE AND DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

MODIFICATION OF PROFFERS:

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for a modification of proffers placed on the application for a change of zoning from A-12 and B-2 to Conditional B-2 on June 14, 1994 (GPIN #2415-56-9501, #2415-56-7275, #2415-56-6099, #2415-55-6902, #2415-55-5734, #2415-55-4556, #2415-55-6255, #2415-55-7523, #2415-66-2541). Property is located at the northeast corner of Dam Neck Road and General Booth Boulevard. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for a modification of proffers placed on the application for a change of zoning from A-12 and B-2 to Conditional A-18 on June 14, 1994 (GPIN #2415-75-7948). Property is located on the north side of Dam Neck Road, 200' east of Upton Drive. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Road to Emmaus for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the west side of Indian Lakes Boulevard, south of Providence Road (1466-92-1142). Said parcel is located at 1001 Indian Lakes Boulevard and contains 2.6433 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience and carry-out food store at the northwest corner of Shore Drive and

pleasure House Road (GPIN #1479-37-9650, #1479-47-1514). Said parcel is located at 4800 Shore Drive and contains 2.14 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Kenneth A. Hall for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and repair (expansion) at the northeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Malibu Drive (GPIN #1497-55-8046). Said parcel is located at 3516 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 7.371 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Gale Levine for a Conditional Use Permit for boat storage on the east side of N. Great Neck Road, south of Lynnhaven Drive (GPIN #1499-05-7413). Said parcel is located at 2100 Marina Shore Drive and contains 12.4146 acres. DISTRICT 1 - LYNNHAVEN.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of MSA, P.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and repair (expansion) on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of Kings Grant Road (GPIN #1497-15-8417; #1497-25-0372; #1497-25-2343; #1497-25-3405). Said parcel is located at 3001 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 7.168 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Hebron Cornerstone Worthington for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the east side of Expressway Drive, south of South Boulevard (GPIN #1477-61-5038). Said parcel is located at 4444 Expressway Drive and contains 1.384 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of L.B.A.S., Inc., a London Bridge Auto Service for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile repair garage on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of Maykey Drive. Said parcel is located at 1875 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 45,000 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

STREET CLOSURES:

15. Application of James Dempsey & Cynthia Bishop Hayes and Mary G. Battaglia for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the western terminus of Poinciana Drive and adjoining lane as shown on that certain plat entitled "Proposed Street and Lane Closure, Plat Western Terminus of Poinciana Drive and Adjoining Lane, Cape Henry By The Sea Plat No. 2, M.B. 32, P. 8, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Said parcels are variable in width and contain 11,179 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

16. Application of Olympia Bendix LLC, c/o Olympia Development Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Bendix Road beginning at a point 434.89 feet south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction a distance of 464 feet more or less along the western property line and running a distance of 484 feet more or less along the eastern property line. Said parcels 35.96 feet in width and contains 14,301 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

17. Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of Dam Neck Station Road beginning on the eastern boundary of General Booth Boulevard and running in an easterly direction to the eastern terminus. Said parcels variable in width and contains 1.336 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

18. Application of Armada/Hoffler Holding Company for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Cleveland Street beginning at the eastern boundary of Garrett Drive and running in an easterly direction a distance of 550.10 feet. Said parcel is 49.99 feet in width and contains 24.829 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

AMENDMENT:

19. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-10 Residential District on certain property located on the north and south sides of Proposed Ferrell Parkway beginning at a point 200 feet more or less west of corner of Newtown Road and Baker Road (GPIN #1468-30-1875). Said parcels located at 604 Newtown Road and contains 36,010 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

20. An Ordinance upon Application of Clark Whitehill Company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-10 Residential District on certain property located on the north and south sides of Proposed Ferrell Parkway beginning at a point 200 feet more or less west of corner of Newtown Road and Baker Road (GPIN #1468-30-1875). Said parcels located at 604 Newtown Road and contains 36,010 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

21. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-6254, #1497-54-7354, #1497-54-8345, #1497-54-8298). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for retail land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for light industrial support services in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.83 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Rick E. Burnell, Commercial Investment Properties, LLC, for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (gas pumps) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-6254, #1497-54-8345, #1497-54-8298). Said parcel contains 1.83 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 12/8/99.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Fueling Foundation, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (multi-recreational, meeting and bingo hall) on the east side of S. Military Highway, north of Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-3354). Said parcel is located at 964 S. Military Highway and contains 2.96 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Collett Properties, Inc. and Collett Chesapeake Partners, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane (GPIN #1497-84-3948, #1497-84-5907, #1497-84-7994, #1497-85-6190, #1497-85-8140, #1497-85-9152, #1497-95-0152, #1497-95-0050). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for community business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 3.481 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Collett Properties, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the east side of Parker Lane beginning at a point 150 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPIN #1497-84-3855, #1497-84-8654, #1497-84-5907, #1497-84-7994). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for community business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 4.945 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

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DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

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6. An Ordinance upon Application of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church of Kempville for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion for a private school on the south side of Princess Anne Road, west of Kempville Road. Said parcel is located at 5181 Princess Anne Road and contains 3.88 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

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Virginia:

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FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE:

DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

1. Application of Dragas Associates VI, L.C., for a variance to Section 5B of the Site Plan Ordinance, Floodplain Regulations on certain property located on the west side of Salem Road, south of Lynnhaven Parkway (GPIN #1475-84-4109, #1475-84-3367, #1475-84-0133). DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Dragas Associates VI, L.C., a Virginia limited liability company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to R-5D Residential Duplex District with a PD-H2 Planned Unit Development District Overlay on certain property located on the west side of Salem Road beginning at a point 900 feet more or less south of Lynnhaven Parkway (GPIN #1475-84-1524).

The proposed zoning classification change to R-5D with a PD-H2 Overlay is for duplex units at a density no greater than 6 units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 15.077 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Shore Ventures Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-1 Neighborhood Business District with an SD Overlay to R-5R Residential Resort District on Lot 1418B on the south side of Lookout Road, 73.1 feet west of Sea View Avenue (GPIN #1570-61-8364). The proposed zoning classification change to R-5S is for single family residential land use with lots no greater than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 4.945 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

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Look back, look forward: City reflects on '99

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City officials cut ribbons this year on two replacement schools, W.T. Cooke and Seateck Elementary. They began constructing New Castle Elementary and High School 2001 (to be renamed) in the city's Princess Anne Commons area. Also, in an effort to provide expanded services to the southern part of the city, Virginia Beach has begun construction on the joint Pungo/Blackwater Library/Creeks Elementary School Modernization and Expansion Project.

The city and School Board have worked together to successfully lobby the General Assembly to distribute to the schools money that was promised to them from the state lottery proceeds.

Councilman Weeks indicates that even with these successes, Virginia Beach needs to devote more resources to education. He indicates that good teachers are still underpaid. He agrees that education should be a foremost priority, and plans to continue the fight for more funding for education.

In the midst of prosperous development, city officials have worked hard to enhance and maintain the Virginia Beach's naturally beautiful environment.

Councilwoman Eure reports that the council has passed city-wide ordinances requiring business and residential developers to plant trees and add landscaping to their developments. She also notes that the city plants more than 2,000 trees each year, replacing small or diseased trees with higher quality, healthy trees.

This year the city has added nine neighborhood parks, bringing the total number of neighborhood parks to 172. City View Park, a 42-acre park on Kempsville Road, opened this spring.

The Parks and Recreation Department became the commonwealth's first to receive accreditation from the National Parks and Recreation

Association. The department also won an international award for the Bayside History Trail project. The Learning Resources Network, an international project promoting lifelong learning, also honored the Bayside project.

The city has cooperated with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in opening the First Landing/Seashore Joint Visitor Center, which helps promote "ecotourism."

The city's financial and economic plans continue to pay off and to produce more opportunities for Virginia Beach residents.

"Whatever we're doing, we must be doing something right!" said Councilman Linwood O. Branch III about the city's fiscal policy.

Councilman Branch is referring to last week's announcement that two independent bond rating agencies upgraded the city's bond rating. Fitch IBCA, Inc. rated the city's bonds Aa+, and Moody's Investors Service upgraded the city's ratings to Aa1.

These institutions cite diversification of investments, and other sound fiscal policies as reasons for the upgrade. Branch notes that this favorable rating amounts to more than kudos for city officers' good financial management. It saves taxpayers money as it avoids the city of more favorable interest rates.

Virginia Beach has completed the seawall and boardwalk from 27th to 40th street, protecting businesses, homes, and the city's greatest tourist attraction. This year the city hosted a record number of summer vacationers. In an effort to make travel to beach and to other Hampton Roads destinations more tourist-friendly, by redesignating Route 44 as Interstate 264.

The beach erosion project and the boardwalk reconstruction are funded by the tourist growth investment fund, a fund that invests tax dollars generated from tourism, such as meal, room and amusement taxes. This effort is a continual investment in an industry that continues

to generate a significant portion of the city's tax base.

City officials are working to make Virginia Beach a tourist destination outside the summer months as well. Through various partnerships, the city opened major golf courses, the PGA Tournament Players Club and Heron Ridge golf courses and enhanced Red Wing, Bow Creek and Kempsville Greens golf courses, beautifying the city, and keeping year-round tourists. In addition, the city demolished Bow Creek Motel and has begun converting the property into a golf course.

Sports and recreation facilities such as the GTE Amphitheater, and the soccer complex have also returned year-round tourism dollars to the city. Looking to the future, Mayor Oberndorf wishes to see the Pavilion expanded to better accommodate conventions.

This year brought 13 new companies, including 1,588 new jobs to Virginia Beach. It worked to retain 1,881 jobs. The city continues to consider investment partnerships such as a large, upscale hotel and shopping complex on Atlantic Avenue.

This complex will also feature a large, public oceanfront park and ample parking. The city also formed a Tax Increment Financing District to help facilitate the 25-year-old plan for Town Center in Pembroke.

With these development programs running strong, some believe the city has fallen short in some basic services. Councilman Weeks questions the expenditures on sports facilities and luxury hotels, when there are millions of dollars worth of road repairs that are still unfunded.

The mayor and several City Council members agree that one of the most important long-term developments for the city has been the Lake Gaston project. Mayor Oberndorf indicates that having the city's own water supply was a cru-

cial goal.

"It's an absolute life force. We needed it to flourish," said Oberndorf.

She noted that in addition to providing Virginia Beach residents with less expensive, high quality water, the project has created the opportunity to form an equal partnership with the city of Norfolk, as Norfolk treats and delivers the water.

As the new millennium becomes a reality, city officials hope to maintain their priorities and to continue growth they have worked to

stimulate. Oberndorf also professed a desire to see her vision of working with larger cities in Northern Virginia to become a "golden crescent," and to unite with these cities to prevail upon the General Assembly to keep their promises to municipalities.

City Councilman Don Weeks said, "We've done a good job of turning government to the people." He cites the defeat of the light rail, and the repeal of the phone tax as areas in which the residents' made their voices heard, and accomplished their goals. Weeks would

like to see more citizen input and involvement in the new millennium.

Perhaps one of the city's most important accomplishments that will allow dialogue to continue — and city agencies to provide services — is the completion of the city's three-year Y2K readiness program. The city has inventoried, corrected and tested embedded computer chips, and has worked closely with vital service providers to ensure that services will continue when the clock strikes midnight on Dec. 31.

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Cities already 'Joining Hands' for Earth Day

Earth Day 2000, the 30th anniversary of Earth Day and the entry of Earth Day into the 21st century, will be held in Virginia Beach at Mt. Trashmore Park on May 5-7. Its theme will be "Joining Hands Around the Earth."

Earth Day 2000 at Mt. Trashmore Park will feature international cultural diversities and similarities with the underlying foundation that mankind's habitation surrounds the earth and it is in this mutual interest to cooperate and work with all others in order to preserve the earth for himself and future generations.

Earth Day 2000 schedule of

events calls for emphasizing International Entertainment on May 5. Multi-cultural activities on May 6 and Earth Day Activities and Entertainment on Sunday, May 7. Virginia Beach's sister cities of Miyazaki, Japan and Moss, Norway are being invited to participate as well as all the various heritage groups in Virginia Beach.

Virginia Beach is host city for Earth Day 2000 with Norfolk and the U.S. Navy as participating partners. General chairperson of the event is Ruby Arredondo, coordinator of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission.

1st Art program comes to center

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia announces its upcoming preschool program, 1st Art, for kids ages 18 months to 5 years.

A child's early years are bursting with firsts: the first teeth, first words, first steps and now the center brings you 1st Art. Join the center for the "first" comprehensive preschool program at the center — and tell a friend. 1st Art expands the center's 4- to 5-year-old program (formerly Project: SiART) to include children ages 18 months to 5 years. It's a new program for a new millennium.

If you would like to expose your child to his or her "first" art experience but dread the mess and feel you lack the necessary skills, we invite you to try 1st Art. The experienced educators have designed an age-appropriate curriculum based on a playful approach to art that will engage the whole child. Children will explore a wide world of topics and themes through fun studio projects (drawing, painting, printmaking, collage and clay sculpture), as well as games and activities in the studios and galleries.

An open house on Thursday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon (drop in) will be offered. Interested parents and caregivers are invited to meet the instructors and see child-friendly upgrades to the facility. Refreshments will be served.

Want more information? Call the CAC Education Department, 425-0000 ext. 29.

ARE CALENDAR

The Association for Research and Enlightenment announces its schedule of free lectures for the week of Jan. 2-8.

■ Sunday, Jan. 2 - "Meditation" by Edwin Mapes.

■ Monday, Jan. 3 - "Learning Your Souls Purpose" by Nancy Eubel.

■ Tuesday, Jan. 4 - "Reincarnation" by Jim Dixon.

■ Wednesday, Jan. 5 - "Relationships" by Kevin Todeschi.

■ Thursday, Jan. 6 - "Dreams and Dreaming" by Jude Woods.

■ Friday, Jan. 7 - "Intuition" by Frances Ellen Worrell.

■ Saturday, Jan. 8 - "The Soul" by Shirley Winston.

All lectures are held at 3:30 p.m. at the ARE Visitor Center, 6700 Atlantic Ave. Call 428-3588, ext. 7265 for more information.

Scholar Gates addresses King Day observance

Henry Louis Gates Jr., a nationally-known scholar of African-American studies, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Old Dominion University for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance.

The observance will begin with a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. on Kaufman Mall, followed by Gates' talk at 7:30 p.m. in the North Cafeteria of Webb University Center. A book signing will follow the lecture. The events are free and open to the public.

Gates is the director of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for Afro-American Research and the DuBois Professor of Humanities at Harvard University. Under his leadership, Harvard's black studies department was revived after languishing some 20 years.

He is the author of several books, including "13 Ways of Looking at a Black Man" (1997), "Colored People: A Memoir" (1994) and "Loose Canons: Notes on the Culture Wars" (1992).

Gates was a key force behind the creation of Microsoft's Encarta 'Africana, a CD-ROM encyclopedia featuring more than 3,000 articles and 2,500 videos, audio clips, maps and photos about African-American personalities, history and events. Gates also hosted the PBS program "Wonders of the African World."

He is the general editor of the "Norton Anthology of African-American Literature" and has edited and co-edited many other books and journals. He is a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and has published pieces in many other magazines.

Aquatic Wet and Wild is hands-on experience

The Virginia Marine Science Museum will host Aquatic Wet and Wild, a hands-on teacher workshop where educators will learn about aquatic and wildlife resources that can be used in their classrooms. The workshop will take place on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the museum's Ows Creek Marsh Pavilion.

The workshop is strongly recommended for educators of grades kindergarten through 12, but other educators are welcome. Trained mu-

seum staff will lead educators through a day of hands-on activities that are designed to educate Virginians about aquatic and wildlife resources. Teachers will receive the Project Wild guide book at the end of the session. Certification points are available with your supervisor's approval.

Due to limited space, registration is required and can be made by calling 437-6315. The cost of the workshop is \$10 per person.

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